

# *Philosophy 105*

## Identified

**Civic Discourse  
Communication  
Digital Literacy**

## Assignment (Covers All): Analyzing Ethical Issues

In this paper, the student will critically analyze and evaluate the viewpoints of two moral philosophers on some controversial moral issue. The process to writing this paper is threefold: 1) the student must select some moral issue to write about. (Note: This need not necessarily be an issue that we have covered in class.) All topics need to be approved by the instructor; (2) The student must find two scholarly peer-reviewed articles (outside the textbook) giving contrasting viewpoints on the issue; and 3) the student must then summarize and critique the ethical arguments that the writers make in these articles, pointing out which ethical theory seems to be presupposed in the argument, and then explaining to me which author presented the strongest argument and why. What I am looking for is an original analysis whereby the student is able to accurately present both authors' method of argumentation, and then decide whether they have argued effectively for their viewpoints. Copies of the articles that are used must also be turned in with the paper. This paper must be four full pages in length

**Length:** Seven FULL Pages (1900-2100 words)

**Format:** Double-spaced, One-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman font□

**MLA Guidelines:** All papers for this course should be in MLA format. If you follow the guidelines you learned in English 101 and/or 102, you should be fine. If you need to brush up on MLA format, consult Blackboard for a list of MLA formatting requirements. Pay special attention to the section on parenthetical citations. You will need to use this kind of citation when you refer to texts in your paper.