

## Second/final Paper Instructions

The second/final paper assignment is due by 7:00 PM on 5/12 through Blackboard (assignment submission toward the left side of our Blackboard course site). There is no paper length minimum or maximum. However, you can use four to eight pages as a rough target for paper length. What matters more than (but usually correlates with) paper length is that for every sentence and paragraph, try to use as much care, precision, and detail as you can in what you are saying.

Here are the paper instructions: articulate toward the very beginning of your paper a thesis about what you think ethics/justice does or does not require regarding some course appropriate issue and proceed throughout the rest of your paper to develop reasons/arguments in support of that thesis while discussing relevant course readings. Course appropriate issues involve the ethical significance, or ethical insignificance, of national borders with attention to/emphasis on the positions/arguments in our course readings. Students should focus on readings and topics from week eight through week fourteen. Students must first use/discuss relevant required course readings (and should do so as well as they can!). Students must secondarily use/discuss relevant optional course readings. Students should not use readings from outside the course unless/until they have exhausted use/discussion of relevant required and optional course readings.

If you want “Guidelines on Writing a Philosophy Paper” please see this link by Jim Pryor: <http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html>. You should not feel pressured to follow everything in those guidelines - though it all seems sensible/important (if you believe otherwise, please feel free to let me know). When making general points it often helps to illustrate them with examples. When discussing lengthy examples, it often helps to state/elucidate general points illustrated by those examples. In general, whatever you write/type in your papers, do your best to express yourself with as much care, precision, and detail as you can.

Please submit your papers to me through Blackboard by 7:00 PM on the due date of 5/12.

Please submit your papers to Blackboard as Word .docx or .doc file formats. If you have trouble with file attachments or with those file formats, please copy and paste the entire text of your paper into Blackboard. Please do not submit PDF or pages files.

Please include your name in the title of your paper file - such as Jamie Smith Second Paper.

If possible, please use the author-date style of references – though any clear and consistent reference style is fine.

If possible, please use font Times New Roman, size 12 – though other fonts are fine.

If possible, please use 1 inch margins.

If possible, please use double-spacing.

Please reread slowly and carefully the paper instructions in the second paragraph above.