

Adopt a Philosopher

1. You will be assigned a philosopher to explore.

II. In a 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 page typed paper or a powerpoint, provide the following information:

- A. Background, including dates lived and died, countries lived in, significant influences on life.
- B. Major works that contribute to the body of philosophical knowledge;
- C. Brief statement on each of his best known theories.
- D. Provide a bibliography of your sources. (Minimum of 5 w/ at least one book)

This assignment will be due on _____.

III. Choose one question that your philosopher deals with in detail. The question may be only one of a series of question that contribute to a theory or larger philosophical stance. For example, in the ten books of The Republic Plato deals with the question, "What is justice?" in Book I and part of Book II.

- A. State the question.
- B. In a 2-3 page typed paper, discuss:
 1. How does _____ answer the question?
 2. In your opinion, why is the reasoning sound? *
 3. In your opinion, what are the reasoning fallacies? *
 4. Type three quotes that exemplify this philosophy.
- C. Provide a bibliography of your sources.

* #2 & #3 may be supported by other philosophers. Whatever your opinion is, you should support it with examples, facts, authoritative opinion or analogies.

Helpful sources:

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~worc0337/philosophers.html>
<http://www.trincoll.edu/depts/phil/philo/philosophers.html>
<http://www.philosophypages.com/ph/index.htm>
<http://www.blupete.com/Literature/Biographies/Philosophy/BiosPhil.htm>
<http://www.btinternet.com/~glynhughes/squashed/>
<http://radicalacademy.com/philclassicindex.htm>
<http://www.scholiast.org/history/histphil.html>
http://www.adherents.com/adh_phil.html

Philosophers

John Rawls

Bertrand Russell

John Stuart Mill

Jean-Paul Sartre

Jeremy Bentham

David Hume

Immanuel Kant

Henry David Thoreau

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Abraham Maslow

Aristotle

Rene Descartes

Socrates

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Niccolo Machiavelli

Michael Foucault

Thomas Hobbes

Georg Hegel

Tomas Aquinas

Thomas Paine

John Locke

Ayn Rand

Karl Marx

Charles Pierce

Fredrich Nietzsche

Howard Zinn

John Dewey

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