

Hi folks,

Here are the PDA questions for this week. You may answer ONE of them in your PDA and submit it by 10am on Friday, Feb. 17.

If you are submitting your assignment in soft copy, DO NOT SUBMIT IT ON MOOKIT. Please send it to me as a Microsoft Word email attachment, NOT in any other file format. Also, your name and role number should be on the first page of the document. If these directions are not followed, I will NOT accept the assignment.

- 1) In class, we discussed the difference between 'ethical relativism' and 'ethical absolutism' in relation to ethical knowledge. Keeping this distinction in mind, do an analysis of Poirot in 'Wasp's Nest' to determine which kind of ethical knowledge he finally upholds. Please give reasons for your answer supported by specific textual evidence.
- 2) Do a comparative analysis of 'Black Hole Theory' and 'The Gray' with respect to the theme of life/death/afterlife. Do the two texts present these three states and their relationship with each other in the same way or are there differences? Give reasons for your answer supported by specific textual evidence. Please remember that this is a question about theme, not plot, so focus on ideas, and not just what happens in the two stories.
- 3) In both 'Wasp's Nest' and 'The Gray', science comes into the story most obviously in the form of technology -- as the ways of destroying the wasp's nest and as the morality meter, respectively. Do a comparative analysis of the relationship between humans and technology in both texts to determine whether both texts see this relationship similarly or differently. Please provide reasons for your answer supported by specific textual evidence.