

PHIL 344 – PHILOSOPHY OF ARISTOTLE

First Assignment (counts for 20% of your grade)

Begin by explaining what a particular is and elucidate the three-step process (explaining each of the three steps) whereby we acquire particulars. Give an account of why experience is different from the productive, practical, and theoretical sciences, and provide a few examples (of your own) of what belongs under the three sciences. Explain (i) why an experienced nurse can sometimes do a better job than an inexperienced doctor and (ii) why we nevertheless believe the doctor to be worthy of more respect. Talk about (i) the unique human capacity that enables us to move beyond the realm of particulars and (ii) name its object. Next, give an account of the relationship between the categories of being and the ways of being. Explain the following phrases: (i) second potentiality, (ii) second actuality, (iii) first potentiality, (iv) first actuality. Finally, talk about the way in which “a doing” and “an undergoing” are the same thing described from different perspectives—and the way in which they are *not* the same.

- Rely only on the assigned material and the class discussions; do not use secondary sources.
- Use no direct quotations in your paper; put everything in your own words.
- Do not write an intro or a conclusion.
- The paper should be 4-6 pages double spaced (font type: Times New Roman; size: 12).
- The assignment is due October 27th (Friday) in hard copy.