

Phil 306: LongPaper Topics

~ 2,000-3,000 words, due Monday December 2 (anytime) via email

Choose one of the following articles:

- Goodman, “The New Riddle of Induction”
- Harman, “Inference to Best Explanation”
- Roush, “Optimism about Pessimistic Induction”
- Longino, “Values and Objectivity”
- Weisberg & Muldoon, “Epistemic Landscapes and the Division of Cognitive Labor”
- Worrall, “Structural Realism: The Best of Both Worlds?”
- Maudlin, “Causation, Counterfactuals, and the Third Factor”

What is the main question, problem, or debate that the article is concerned with? What is the article’s thesis? What is the main argument for this thesis? What is the strongest objection to this argument that the author has not directly considered? How should the author best respond to this objection? Where does this leave the status of the debate?