

## Term Paper

For your term paper, there are a wide range of topics from which you can choose. I will not assign a topic for you, unless you are completely unable to decide on one. Whatever the topic, however, it must be related to a contemporary *moral* problem. In order to ensure this, you must turn in your topic (email or hard copy) with *at least* two sources that you will use by:

**April 15th by 11:59 pm**

I will almost certainly approve all topics, but this is a fail safe for any inappropriate topics. On the website I have included a handout that outlines the ways in which the papers will be graded. It is fairly comprehensive, but I have uploaded two additional items on the website. First is a grid-based system that will determine how I grade your papers. The second is a sample paper with some tips written on it.

As for the specifics of the actual paper itself:

**Due Date:** April 29th, by 11:59 pm

**Length:** 5 pages, double spaced, 1 inch margins, 12pt font

**Bibliography:** 2 - 5 *reputable* sources related to your thesis

**Submission:** All papers will be submitted via **Canvas**

**Additional Requirement:** This is a philosophy paper and so it must be *argumentative*. That requires you to tell me why someone else is wrong. An example would be if you felt that Hardin's ratchet effect wasn't a good reason to not give aid to impoverished countries. Your thesis would, then, be that Hardin is wrong. The paper would then be structured in the following way:

- ☐ State thesis
- ☐ Explain Hardin's position
- ☐ Use the research that you have done to explain why Hardin's claim is false
- ☐ End the paper

Writing a philosophy paper can be difficult. On the website there is a section entitled 'Resources'. There are links to example papers, as well as websites which have helpful recommendations on structuring a philosophy paper. Take a look!