

Final Project

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Prompt

Under what conditions is person A (at t) identical to person B (at t')?

Pick one of the following answers to this question and defend it in depth:

1. Psychological Continuity
2. Material/Bodily Continuity
3. Continuity of Soul (Dualism)

Your paper must have the following sections (not including the introduction and conclusion).

- (a.) An explanation of the puzzle of personal identity.
- (b.) An explanation of the chosen solution.
- (c.) An identification of one problem for the proposed solution.
- (d.) A defense of the solution against this objection.

Further Instruction

- This assignment covers material from the textbook in 'Part II: What is our Place in the World?' The following four short papers are relevant:
 1. 36: 'Personal Identity: a Materialist Account', Shoemaker
 2. 37: 'An Argument for Animalism', Olson
 3. 38: 'Divided Minds and the Nature of Persons', Parfit
 4. 39: 'Personal Identity: the Dualist Theory', Swinburne
- Read each of these four papers carefully. Do not use outside resources.

- You will be completing this assignment in several stages. Find the grade breakdown and timeline below:
 1. Group work: In class project to prepare summaries of the articles. Read the papers in advance of our meeting. Bring the book to class as well as a laptop/tablet
 2. Peer review: In-class peer feedback on the first draft of sections (a) and (b). Bring a hard copy to class.
 3. Full first draft of sections (a)–(d)
 4. Oral Presentations: prepare a powerpoint slide of 4-6 slides (not including pictures, title page, etc) Your presentation must address sections (a)–(d) listed in the prompt.
 5. Final draft: I will return comments on your first draft. Your final draft will be evaluated, in part, on how well you improved your paper based on my comments.

Word Count

- 1500–1750 words. Writing less than 1500 words or more than 1750 words will lose you points

Timeline

- 12/02/2015, Topic Introduced
- 12/04/2015, Group Work
- 12/07/2015, **Class will meet that day for Dr. Jonathan Pickle's Talk**
- 12/09/2015, In-class peer review of the first draft of sections (a) and (b).
- 12/11/2015, Full first draft due through Blackboard.
- 12/14/2015, Oral presentations
- 12/21/2015, Final Draft Due

Grade Breakdown

This assignment represents 40 points towards your final grade. The breakdown is as follows:

- First Draft: 10 points
- Oral Presentation: 10 points
- Final Draft: 20 points