

Philosophy 2330 Fall 2022
Tutorial 3
Due Tuesday, Dec 6

Purpose: The purpose of this tutorial is two-fold: First, the tutorial itself will be in an extended conversation with me and two of your classmates for forty-five minutes. This will allow me to gauge exactly how well you are understanding the content of the class so far and to allow for the perfect opportunity for you to ask questions, clear up any misunderstandings you might have, and interact at a deeper level with the topics we have discussed in class. Second, I want you to do well on your paper assignment. You will be forced to think about the paper long in advance and you will have a chance to receive feedback to help improve your ideas.

Task: You are to produce an outline for your long paper assignment and bring four copies of it with you to your tutorial. At minimum, a good outline should consist in a clear thesis statement, a brief discussion/explanation of what your thesis statement means, and a list of some reasons why someone should believe that your thesis is true. Ideally, you would also consider objections – that is, give some reasons someone might think your thesis is false, and give responses to these possible objections.

For this second longer paper assignment, you are expected to use outside sources. It would be best for you if you had already looked for some sources and you listed them on your outline (and said a bit about what they were). Then I can look at them and let you know early on if they are appropriate or not. If you are having trouble finding anything useful, I can help you find something (before or after your tutorial).

Criteria for success: This tutorial is worth 5 points (though you get 2 points for free). You should arrive on time with copies of your outline and your outline should clearly be the result of serious effort in thinking about your paper. During the actual tutorial, you should interact with your peers and with me in a helpful and constructive way as a collaborate attempt to improve your paper and those of your classmates.