

First Paper Topic
Philosophy 22
Spring, 2011

You are to give a textual analysis on the topic described below. Length should be around five pages. Use annotated quotations from the texts to back up your assertions about their contents. Please confine your research to the course reading assignments and materials from the lectures and discussion sections (including notes written for this class on the Web). Please double-space and leave adequate margins for comments by the grader.

As this is a General Education “Writing Experience” course, papers will be graded in part on the basis of organization, style, use of language, and logical coherence. It is expected that you will use the comments you receive on your writing in this paper to improve the quality of your writing on the second paper.

Due: **May 2, 2011**, in class.

Compare and contrast the views of Descartes and Leibniz on the nature of freedom of the will.

Your main sources in the texts should be:

- Descartes’s Fourth Meditation
- Leibniz’s “Discourse on Metaphysics,” especially sections 8, 13 and 30
- Leibniz’s letters to Arnauld