

**First Paper Topic
Philosophy 102
Spring, 2016**

Length should be approximately 5 pages. Please use a line spacing of 3 lines per inch and a left margin of 1½ inches, 1 inch elsewhere. Point size may be no less than 10. Please be sure the printing is clear and that the paper stock is of a type that does not make it difficult to produce handwritten comments. Papers will be evaluated on the basis of both content and quality of writing. You may if you wish cite the Web notes for this class, but this is not a research paper that would require other sources.

Due: Tuesday, May 3, in class.

Devise your own "Gettier case," in which an epistemic subject S, in circumstances c, has a justified true belief in c that p, for some proposition p, but does not know in c that p. Be sure to state why it is that p is true, what justifies S's belief that p in c, and why that justification puts S in a strong enough epistemic position to allow attribution of knowledge in normal (non-Gettier-case) circumstances.

Explain why in your case S lacks knowledge that p in c. Then come up with a proposal to eliminate cases of the kind you have produced and comment on how well you think it would work.