

**Second Paper Topic**  
**Philosophy 170**  
**Fall, 2014**

**Due:** Wednesday, December 3, in class.

Write an essay of roughly 3 pages on the following topic. Use the assigned readings as the basis of your work. Be sure to quote the text whenever you attribute a claim to either of the philosophers. You may make references in parentheses.. Papers not turned in on the day due will be penalized progressively, with the penalties increasing each two working days overdue. Each penalty is an increment of a letter grade (e.g., A- to B+). Papers should be double-spaced (3 lines per inch) with ample room in the margins for comments.

How did Leibniz argue that the individual notion of a person includes everything that will ever happen to him? How did he then try to reconcile this with his claim that a person's actions are nonetheless contingent? How plausible do you find these arguments to be?