

Writing about Philosophy

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<p>Unit 1: What is Philosophy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why study philosophy? • Is Philosophy difficult? • What are the limits of what philosophy can do? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The different types of philosophy: (Ethics, Political Philosophy, Free Will and Determinism, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology) • The reasons for studying philosophy: (the examined life, learning to think, pleasure) • Understand the difficulty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make inferences and draw conclusions about the text • Cite evidence from the text to support generalizations • Use context clues to determine or clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words • Identify and/or explain stated or implied main ideas and relevant supporting details • Analyze the interrelationships of ideas and events in text to determine how one idea or event may interact and influence another. • Explain, interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and/or evaluate connections between texts • Explain, interpret, describe, and/or analyze the author's defense of a claim to make a point or construct an argument • Write expository essays that argue a thesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Philosophy: Basic Readings</i> Warburton, Nigel Routledge; 2 edition (December 19, 2004) • <i>Philosophy: The Basics</i> Warburton, Nigel Routledge; 5 edition (December 6, 2012)
<p>Unit 2: Appearance and Reality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does Philosophy treat the subject of Appearance and Reality? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonsense realism • Skepticism about the evidence of the senses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make inferences and draw conclusions about the text • Cite evidence from the text to support generalizations • Use context clues to determine or clarify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plato's <i>Allegory of theCave from The Republic</i>, Plato, Dover Publications, Inc; Mineola, New York, 2000.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The illusion argument 	<p>the meaning of unfamiliar words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and/or explain stated or implied main ideas and relevant supporting details • Analyze the interrelationships of ideas and events in text to determine how one idea or event may interact and influence another. • Explain, interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and/or evaluate connections between texts • Explain, interpret, describe, and/or analyze the author's defense of a claim to make a point or construct an argument • Write expository essays that argue a thesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Philosophy: Basic Readings</i> Warburton, Nigel Routledge; 2 edition (December 19, 2004) • <i>Philosophy: The Basics</i> Warburton, Nigel Routledge; 5 edition (December 6, 2012)
<p>Unit 3: Political Philosophy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does philosophy treat the subject of politics? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality • Criticisms of democracy • Punishment as retribution • Criticisms of retributivism • Civil Disobedience • Criticisms of civil disobedience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make inferences and draw conclusions about the text • Cite evidence from the text to support generalizations • Use context clues to determine or clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words • Identify and/or explain stated or implied main ideas and relevant supporting details • Analyze the interrelationships of ideas and events in text to determine how one idea or event may interact and influence another. • Explain, interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and/or evaluate connections between texts • Explain, interpret, describe, and/or analyze the author's defense of a claim to make a point or construct an argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machiavelli's <i>The Prince</i> • <i>Civil Disobedience</i>, Henry David Thoreau • <i>Philosophy: Basic Readings</i> Warburton, Nigel Routledge; 2 edition (December 19, 2004) • <i>Philosophy: The Basics</i> Warburton, Nigel Routledge; 5 edition (December 6, 2012)

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<p>Unit 4: Ethics and Epistemology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does Philosophy treat the subject of Ethics? What is the nature of knowledge? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kantian ethics Theory of the mind, conceptions of identity and self Cartesian philosophy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make inferences and draw conclusions about the text Cite evidence from the text to support generalizations Use context clues to determine or clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words Identify and/or explain stated or implied main ideas and relevant supporting details Analyze the interrelationships of ideas and events in text to determine how one idea or event may interact and influence another. Explain, interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and/or evaluate connections between texts Explain, interpret, describe, and/or analyze the author's defense of a claim to make a point or construct an argument Write expository essays that argue a thesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Locke <i>Thoughts Concerning Education</i> Immanuel Kant <i>from Idea for a Universal History from a Cosmopolitan Point of View</i>