

Mini Paper 1

Instructions: this assignment is due **at the start of class on September 5**. I like to grade as anonymously as possible, so please **do not put your name on the top of the paper, but instead put it on the opposite side of the page (or on a second page, if you can't print double-sided)**. If you have any questions about how to complete the assignment, please let me know.

1. In John Arthur's article, "Rights and the Duty to Bring Aid" on page 163, John Arthur gives an argument in a paragraph that starts "In summary ..." You should reconstruct this argument.

Here are some tips from the reconstructing arguments handout to keep in mind as you try to reconstruct his argument:

- Sometimes you need to fill in premises that the author hasn't explicitly stated in order to reconstruct their argument. It may require some creativity on your part to figure out the missing premises.
- Sometimes a passage will contain a sub-conclusion on the way to the main conclusion.
- Sometimes the text will contain a bunch of extraneous information, or keep using different words. Try to get rid of the extraneous information, and to rephrase so the wording is consistent.