

Reading Questions for March 29

In class today we'll be discussing your 1-page descriptions of your final papers in small groups. You will be in groups of 5 or 6, so you should bring enough copies of your description for each group-mate to have one. If you can't make it to class today, email me and I'll come up with an alternative way for you to get credit for the discussion.

Here are some questions to help you:

1. Is it clear what the person will be trying to accomplish in their paper?
2. Does the person give arguments? If so, are their arguments sound? Are there objections they should be aware of?
3. Does the person offer objections to other people's arguments? If so, are there responses to their objections you can think of?
4. Does the person introduce concepts? If so are each of the concepts they introduce clear?
5. Does the person seem to be trying to discuss a huge number of issues very quickly? If so, what would be a good way to help focus the paper so that the person can go in depth?
6. Is it clear that the paper is a philosophy paper, as opposed to a history paper, a theology paper, a paper in statistics, etc.?