

Short Writing Assignment 4: Using Terminology Accurately

Instructions: you should print this assignment out and bring it to class on Friday February 17. (If you can't bring it to class, you should email it to me; my email address is immerman@ksu.edu. If you email it in, it won't count as turned in unless I send an email confirming I've received it.) This assignment should be one paragraph long. 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 have any questions about how to complete the assignment, please let me know.

We can understand today's author (Marquis) as offering the following argument:

1. Except in unusual circumstances, depriving someone of a future like ours is wrong.
2. Abortion involves depriving fetuses of a future like ours.
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3. Except in unusual circumstances, abortion is wrong.

What do you think. Is this argument valid? Is it sound? Are its premises true? Is its conclusion true? Why? (*A recommendation: check out the class notes from last Friday on using terminology accurately. Also, it would be a good idea to answer today's reading questions before completing this assignment.*)

I will be grading this assignment via the following rubric:

✓+ : you do all three of the following things: (i) you answer the questions asked in the prompt, (ii) you use terminology accurately (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.

✓: you do two of the following things: (i) you answer the questions asked in the prompt, (ii) you use terminology accurately (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.

✓- : you do at most one of the following things: (i) you answer the questions asked in the prompt, (ii) you use terminology accurately (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.