

Short Writing Assignment 5: Reconstructing Arguments

Instructions: you should print this assignment out and bring it to class on Friday February 24. (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.

In the paragraph starting "If the *raison d'être*..." on page 373 of today's article, today's author (Kuhse) offers an argument for the conclusion that sometimes it is morally acceptable for doctors to kill us. You should reconstruct this argument. (*Some suggestions: (1) check out the class notes from last Friday on reconstructing arguments. (2) The conclusion of your argument should be "Sometimes it is morally acceptable for doctors to kill us." (3) The term "raison d'être" means the reason for the existence of something. For instance, the raison d'être of toasters is to toast things.*)

I will be grading this assignment via the following rubric:

✓+ : you do all three of the following things: (i) you fill in missing premises to make the argument valid, (ii) you avoid unnecessary premises (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.

✓ : you do two of the following things: (i) you fill in missing premises to make the argument valid, (ii) you avoid unnecessary premises (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.

✓- : you do at most one of the following things: (i) you fill in missing premises to make the argument valid, (ii) you avoid unnecessary premises (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.