

Mini Paper 1

Instructions: this assignment should be **printed out** and turned in **in class** on **September 2**. This paper should be under a page. 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.

Today for class we are reading Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail." In the second half of the first paragraph on page 3, starting with "One may well ask: ...", what are King's key points?

Some suggestions about writing this mini-paper (these hold for philosophy papers in general):

- Try to use as few quotations as possible, but instead explain things in your own words.
- Write as clearly as possible. Pretend you are tutoring a high school student, and they have asked you this question. You're best off writing as simply and directly as you can; using unnecessary big words or convoluted sentences will only confuse them.
- Philosophers like it when you state things as precisely as possible. Try not to state things vaguely or incorrectly, even if you think I will know what you mean.
- Try to write this paper so that someone with no background could follow along. By someone with no background, I mean someone who has not any of the texts you've read and doesn't know what question you've been asked to discuss.