

Mini Paper 5

Instructions: this assignment should be **printed out** and turned in **in class** on **September 30**. 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 can't print double-sided)**. If you have any questions about how to complete the assignment, please let me know.

Background:

Today, in class, you're going to be bringing in an object. You should select one that the people we've discussed would disagree on with regards to the question: "is it art?" In this paper, you should pick someone from our readings who would say it is art and explain why they would say it is art. Then you should pick someone from our readings who would say it isn't art and explain why they would say it isn't art.

Here are some tips for this paper (these hold for philosophy papers in general).

1. If you're not sure whether your interpretation of someone you're talking about is correct, it's ok to hedge, e.g. by using words like "probably" or "arguably," or by offering several different interpretations of what they're saying.
2. If you attribute an idea to someone, you should include enough of a reference that I can easily find the place where they said it. Typically, author and page number is enough.
3. If you're introducing a complex theory, it's often helpful to include an example to help illustrate the theory.