

## Reflection 2

Instructions: there are two ways to complete this assignment. One is to write a paper. The other is to have a conversation with me. If you choose the paper option, then this assignment should be **printed out** and turned in **in class** on **December 9**. This paper should be a page or two. If you choose to have a conversation with me, then you should email to schedule a meeting. The meeting should be scheduled **by the start of class** on **December 9**. Before the meeting you should think through your answers and then during the meeting we'll talk through them together.

I'll grade it pass/fail/didn't turn in and it's worth 2 percent of your grade. Pass is equivalent to an 'A' – if you do a super-awesome job, I'll give you some bonus points. If you have any questions about how to complete the assignment, please let me know.

You should address the following three questions:

1. Give that you will probably be taking another philosophy class, it's worth thinking about the following questions: What did you do well in our class? What needed improvement? (Think about papers but also about discussions, quizzes, etc.) How can your work be improved in those areas you struggled with?
2. At the beginning of the semester I had you fill out a survey regarding the various questions we were planning on talking about in class. Have your thoughts on the various questions changed – either your particular views or your reasons for holding them? If so, how and why? If not, why not? (It would probably be good to focus on the questions from the second half of the semester, seeing as you talked some about the questions from the first half of the semester in the first reflection paper.)
3. We spent most of the class talking about particular questions and not a huge amount of time stepping back and asking what we were doing. So I'm curious to hear what you think about (i) what people engaged in talking about philosophy are up to and (ii) how best to go about talking

about philosophy. There's a lot to talk about here, so don't feel the need to be complete. *Note: if you're struggling, here are some examples of questions you might discuss: (a) Are the truths of philosophical claims relative to particular people or are they universal? (b) Is there any way to know the answers to them? (c) Is there any way to convince everyone of the answers to them?*