

Guidelines for Weekly Responses
Topics in History of Philosophy
Spring 2016

This semester we are asking you to turn in weekly reflections on readings and class discussion. Below are some guidelines for this.

1. For undergraduates, weekly reflections should be two/three paragraphs in length. For graduate students they should be three/four paragraphs in length. If you are a little under or a little over one week, no problem, but this is what you should aim for.
2. We are expecting you to turn in 10 reflections throughout the semester. You can pick which readings you want to write on, as long as you do 10.
3. Content-wise, we are looking for engagement with and reflection on the readings and class discussion. You should: ask questions, pose dilemmas, offer explication and analysis, critiques/objections, avenues for further inquiry.
4. Some good beginnings include, "I was confused by what the author meant by X. They could mean something like Y or something like Z" or "The author says X. But this isn't true, because Y" or "in class someone brought up the problem of X. I think this bears closer scrutiny because Y."
5. Responses are due, via email, by 11 pm Sundays. You can write on anything in the required or recommended readings from the upcoming week or class discussion from the previous week. This is a good space to cover questions you think were left unanswered by class discussion, or to open up inquiry you want to make sure we get to in the coming sessions.
6. Any other questions, please let us know!

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