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HMXP Paper 3

For this essay, I would like you to look at one of the works we have read for class (look at works read between February 13 and March 7, please). Each of the works in our textbook is a philosophical work, one that looks at a big idea. What I would like you to do is to consider this big idea, then do some research on how this idea plays out in the real world. For example, in class, we discussed The Bill of Rights. You might research details about gun control in America by looking at articles on the Brady Bill. Another example: Marx predicts that the capitalist system is doomed to collapse. You might research this possibility more specifically by looking at recent articles from *The Wall Street Journal* on the state of the middle class in America. The goal of the paper is to state YOUR VIEW on one of these philosophical claims, using sources to back up your thesis.

Specifically, the essay should be typed, double-spaced, in 12 point font, and **5 pages** in length. Your argument should be mature and logical, and your supporting evidence should include many specific examples and details, both from your life and from the sources you use. As mentioned above, you will need to include ideas, either quoted or paraphrased (using correct MLA format) from one of the pieces we have read for class; you will also need to either reference, paraphrase, or quote from **two outside sources**. Please properly document all quotes and your Works Cited page using MLA format. You may go over the page requirement, but not under it.

In case you've forgotten how to get good outside sources... Go to the Library homepage; click on "Databases"; choose either "Academic Search Premiere" or "LexisNexis", and type in keywords that relate to the subject at hand.

Good luck! Try to have fun – pick a topic that interests, inspires, or disturbs you! And remember: I can help you with this paper only if you start early and bring me drafts for comments and suggestions.