

Spring 2014
PHI 202, Section 03
Second Paper Assignment
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Write a paper, six pages in length, on one of the following topics. Revise your work carefully, and remember to cite your sources appropriately. Your typed and stapled essay is due at the beginning of class on April 24th.

1. How do Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau exemplify American transcendentalism? What do you make of this unique approach to philosophy? Use two additional sources.
2. How does W.E.B. Du Bois define race in “The Conservation of Races,” and how has this definition shaped the philosophy of race and racism today? Use two additional sources.
3. What, according to Emma Goldman, is anarchism as an approach to political philosophy? Do you find her defense convincing? Are her ideas relevant to today's world? Use two additional sources.
4. What does William James argue in *Varieties of Religious Experience*? What are his most important philosophical “moves”? Do you think that his analysis of religion and human nature is convincing? Use two additional sources.