

Fall 2018
PHIL 2215, Section 01
Nature of Self
First Paper Assignment
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Write a paper, at least six pages in length, on one of the following topics – preferably the one that you find the most interesting. Revise your work carefully, and remember to cite your sources correctly using APA, MLA, or Chicago guidelines. Your typed and stapled essay is due at the beginning of class on Monday, October 29th.

1. Choose one thinker and explain his or her position concerning philosophical anthropology. Provide details and use at least two additional sources in your discussion (books, book chapters, academic articles, etc.). Be creative – but not at the expense of being thoughtful.
2. Choose two thinkers and critically discuss their ideas concerning philosophical anthropology. What do they have in common? What are their differences? In your view, who is right and why? Be creative – but not at the expense of being thoughtful.
3. Choose one thinker and explain how his or her ideas concerning philosophical anthropology relate to your life. Demonstrate your understanding by applying the ideas directly and concretely to you and your world. Be creative – but not at the expense of being thoughtful.