

**Fall 2018**  
**PHIL 2215, Section 01**  
**Nature of Self**  
**Second Paper Assignment**  
**Prof. Douglas Ficek**

*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, November 19th.*

1. Michel de Montaigne defends an approach to philosophical anthropology that is more down to earth. What does he have to say about the human condition, and what do you think about it? Use three additional sources in your discussion.
2. Thomas Hobbes, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Edmund Burke all write about politics in terms of the social contract. What are their positions, and what do you think about them? Use three additional sources in your discussion.
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.