

Fall 2017
PHIL 2215, Section 01
Second 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, November 20th.

1. What does Thomas Hobbes tell us about human nature? Explain his perspective, using specifics, and tell me what you think about it. Use three additional sources in your discussion.
2. What does Joseph Butler tell us about human nature? Explain his perspective, using specifics, and tell me what you think about it. Use three additional sources in your discussion.
3. What does David Hume tell us about human nature? Explain his perspective, using specifics, and tell me what you think about it. Use three additional sources in your discussion.
4. What does Immanuel Kant tell us about human nature? Explain his perspective, using specifics, and tell me what you think about it. Use three additional sources in your discussion.
5. What is empathy, and where does it come from? Answer this question using (at least) four sources from class and three additional sources. Take a position and defend it.