

Philosophy 2300: Beginning Philosophy
Spring 2019
Sixth (and last) short essay assignment

Please print your essay and bring it to class on Friday, May 3rd. **ALSO** please make your essay anonymous by putting your R# at the top of the page and **NOT** your name.

You are to write roughly one to two pages (500-700 words) on something relevant to the last three weeks of our class (is it reasonable to believe without evidence or the meaning of life). Your paper should acknowledge and engage with at least one of the assigned readings from the class.

This is an argumentative paper. You must defend some particular thesis. A good paper is clear, easy to read, and provides good arguments for its conclusion. But exactly what you write about is quite open ended.

Here are some example topics or theses that you might discuss:

- 1) Does Pascal's Wager work?
- 2) Is Clifford right that it is always wrong to believe anything without sufficient evidence?
- 3) What does it mean to have faith? Can faith be justified? Does it need to be?
- 4) Does your life have meaning?