Philosophy 2330 Fall 2021 Tutorial 2 Due Thursday, Nov 4th

Purpose: The purpose of this tutorial is two-fold: First, the tutorial itself will be in an extended conversation with me and one or two of your classmates for thirty minutes. This is good practice learning important philosophical skills – productive conversation and how to make joint progress on a question. Second, this is meant as direct preparation for your first long paper. You will be forced to think about the paper long in advance and you will have a chance to receive feedback to help improve your ideas.

Task: You are to produce a structured outline for your paper assignment and bring four copies of this outline to the tutorial. At minimum, your outline should consist in a clear thesis statement, a brief discussion/explanation of what your thesis statement means, a list of some reasons why someone should believe that your thesis is true that you plan to discuss, at least one reason someone might think that thesis is false, and a response these possible objections. It is perfectly fine to extend your short paper #3 into a longer paper but this is not required.

Criteria for success: This tutorial is worth 3 points. We will meet in PHIL 251B. You will receive up to 1 point for arriving on time with four copies of your outline. If you cannot print copies of your outline, you must email your outline to me by Thursday morning so that I can have printed copies ready for you. You will receive another point for engaging in productive conversation with your classmates and with me and a third point will be based on the quality of your outline.