PHIL001. INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY – SHORT PAPER #2 & DIGITAL PRESENTATION
DUE: SEE BELOW

1. TOPIC

The topic of your *Short Paper #1* must be on or closely related to one of the following philosophical issues:

> (1) Time
> (2) God

Ideally, you should take a stance on one of the above issues and argue for that position by providing compelling reasons for your position.

2. LENGTH AND FORMAT

Your paper should run be *at least* 2500 words but *no more* than 3000 words. The paper should have 1, 1.5, or 2 spacing, 12-font, Times New Roman, standard 1 inch margins. Your paper should have the following basic structure:

Title of Paper
Your Name
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Section 1. Introduction

Explain the topic of your paper and note your principal goals/aims/theses.

Sections 2–4

In the middle sections of your paper, you should:

(1) Make distinct sections, labeled by section titles (e.g. 1. [Name of Section 1]) that correspond to the principal goals/theses/aims of your paper.
(2) Each section should begin by indicating what information it plans to address (e.g. In this section, I first articulate that the *second* tenet of classical foundationalism consists of the following claims x, y, z. From this interpretation, I argue that in the *Discourse on Method*, Descartes holds all three of these positions for he writes *x*, and then in arguing for *x*, claims *y* and *z*).

Section 5 Conclusion

Summarize the preceding.

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3. Due Date

A complete draft of your paper is due (via ANGEL) on **Monday, Aug 8th**. You should bring your paper into class for a peer-editing session. This session is critical because your classmates and I will give you a number of tips on how to improve your paper and correct any typographical errors you may have made. A final version of Short Paper #1 is due on **Friday, August 12th**.

4. Key Elements

Your paper should aim to have the following key components:

> **1. Metadiscourse**
> **2. A Thesis and an Argument**
> **3. A Bibliography**
> **4. Citations in Text**

5. Digital Project

Once your paper is completed, you will be asked to give a short (2min) digital presentation of your paper as a voicethread or as a separate video file. In creating the presentation, your goals are as follows:

> (i) introduce the topic of your paper
> (ii) state your thesis
> (iii) state your main line of argumentation
> (iv) articulate any objections and responses to those objections
> (v) summarize the preceding

The clearer you can be about your topic, thesis, objections, and responses the better.

WORKFLOW FOR PRESENTATION

Organize → Use Software → Transform → Upload → Narrate → Publish

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What to Do:	Pick a topic, write out a rough outline, draw any diagrams, expand the outline into a draft with a script.		Use Powerpoint to create a series of slides with text and diagrams (Keynote, Captivate, Powerpoint, Word)		Adobe Acrobat (turn into PDF) or series of .jpg files		Upload to Voicethread		You should do your narration in voicethread as an audio or video comment.
TIPS	Make sure you have your paper written at this point, with a clear idea of your topic, thesis, argument, objections, and any responses.		Create the following slides in powerpoint 1. Intro Slide 2. Thesis Slide 3. Argument Slide 4. Objection Slide 5. Response Slide 6. Conclusion Slide		Versions of Acrobat are available on campus (e.g. in the basement of Sparks)		You don't need to sign up for anything. As long as you have a PSU user-id, you have an account		

Lastly, send me a link to your voicethread or invite me to see your presentation. If you can't figure out how to do this, email me and I will show you how.