

A.2.2 PHIL252 – Spring 2010 – Second Essay – Due on Friday, April 30th., in class

Below is the topic for the second essay.

- **Instructions**

- You are required to turn in your essay in my mailbox on Thursday, March 18th. before 2pm. It should be between 500 and 600 words in length.

- Your essay should consist in:

- (1) an introduction, in which you straightforwardly state what your answer to the essay question is, and give an outline of the argument that you intend to provide in support of your answer;

- (2) three or four paragraphs, in which you develop your argument. Each paragraph should be clearly devoted to one step of your overall argument;

- (3) a conclusion, in which you simply rehearse your thesis and your argument.

- Please read with attention section 1.6 of the syllabus on my grading policies. Late assignment rules are also in the syllabus. Finally, you will find links to guidelines about writing a good philosophy paper on the exam page of the course website.

- **Topic**

Locke, Berkeley and Hume all claim that their philosophies best meet the fundamental requirements of empiricism. Which of the three do you think best meets the fundamental requirements of empiricism? Your paper should contain a definition of empiricism and a comparative analysis of the three philosophies – not the exposition of only one of them. Make sure to provide arguments and/or evidence in support of your claims.

Be clear, explicit and straightforward. Always remember that your grader is ignorant, stupid and mean.