



- Mar. 21            Understanding my own life. Special challenges to sincerity or authenticity. Problems of self-deception and temporal perspective on my own life.  
                         Proust, B.Williams
- Mar 28            Value of biological life: Does all life have value—and by virtue of what? The value of species diversity; extinction.  
                         A.Schweitzer, Nietzsche, J.Leslie
- Apr. 4            Values within biological life: Does biology give grounds for evaluating lives, e.g. by reproductive success, by longevity, by health, or by cooperation?  
                         D.Wilson, E.Sober
- Apr. 11           Value of a (human) life: What kind of value does it have and why? How is it related to the value of non-human lives.  
                         P.Singer, J.Rachels
- Apr 18            Death's role in life's value: Is death always a bad thing? Heroic and existentialist claims that life has value because it's mortal.  
                         T.Nagel, B.Williams, Heidegger
- Apr 25            Evaluating a life; comparing lives—as happy, as meaningful, as successful. The criteria for such judgments suggested by the earlier account of the structure of 'a life'.  
                         Epicurus, R.Dworkin, Nietzsche

### Requirements

Two shorter papers, with a required rough draft for each. Or, the second paper can be a longer development of the first.

Due dates:	Rough draft of 1st paper:	March 7 (returned March 21)
	Final version of 1st paper:	March 28
	Rough draft of 2nd paper:	April 18 (returned April 25)
	Final version of 2nd paper:	May 2