

**Phil. 270/570: First short weekly writing assignment, due Friday, Sept. 10, by noon.**

Specifications of this week's assignment: 700 – 1,050 (about 2 – 3 pages) of total writing:

- 525 – 700 words (about 1½ - 2 pages) of summary/exposition of pp. 772.7 (starting at “Consider the following example...”) – 775.8 (ending at “...alternatives he cannot preclude”) and 790.0 – 791 of reading [4] on the syllabus, Goldman’s “Discrimination and Perceptual Knowledge.” Don’t get bogged down on what Goldman has to say at pp. 773.6 – 774.6 about how other theories have trouble with his barn example; focus on his own positive proposal for what knowledge is and how it handles the example.
- 175 – 350 words (about ½ - 1 page) of critical commentary about, or a question or questions you have about, the material you’ve summarized above

See pp. 2-3 of the course syllabus for information on these assignments. Remember (this is on the syllabus, but I’m repeating it here as a reminder) to submit your assignment by email attachment, by noon on Friday, to:

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These assignments are designed to get you to engage with the material before we discuss it in class. Engage: say as best you can what’s going on; say what you think about it or ask a question or two; and get it done. As far as your grade goes, the big thing is just to get it done, doing a reasonable job. As far as your learning goes, the big thing is just to get thinking about the material, so we can better hit the ground running in class. Since your space is limited, your exposition of the material should just cover the most important points (and the ability to recognize which are important is key here), giving the basic ideas. It is expected that you won’t be able to go into great detail.