

Weekly Writing 5 Euthanasia

Due February 23 – Before the start of class.

Submit as an attachment to a Blackboard course message. Click “Mail” on the left side menu. If you would like feedback by the start of class, submit it at least two days in advance.

Minimum length = **350** words

Read:

Chapter 3 Euthanasia (Boss’ background on the issue)

John Hardwig, *“Is There a Duty to Die?”* in the Course Content folder.

Sydney Callahan, *“A Feminist Case against Self-determined Dying in Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia”* in the Course Content folder.

Assignment:

For Hardwig and Callahan each, identify the most important premise of each of their arguments, and sketch a brief argument for or against each author. Explain how one of the three main moral theories would apply (to either one of the authors).

I will not grade WWs based on whether you get the concepts right. Just do your best. WWs are a first step in working out your ideas. I will provide specific feedback through a course message to help correct any misunderstanding that may be in your WW.

The WW grade will be based on the following:

WWs must

- Be your own thought.
- Be an argument, providing justification (premises) for what you believe.
- Specifically address the WW question.
- Show substantive engagement with the reading, which means discussing / using concepts from the reading.
- Not use outside sources.

Points will be deducted for not meeting the above requirements.

Summaries are neither an argument nor your own thought. Explain only those aspects of the concepts as needed to explain what supports what in your argument and why.

If the WW is full of quotes or paraphrase, the WW will be neither your own thought nor an argument. If too many of the 350 words are paraphrase, your own thought is not there to receive credit.

Quotes do not count toward your word count. As a general rule: **Put everything in your own words.** If you quote, the quotation must be set off with quotation marks, the page number given, and the point of the quotation must be explained.

Inadequate Paraphrases: These are essentially quotes and will be treated as such.

Do not use outside sources. An “outside source” is a source other than those which have been assigned (textbook or assigned supplemental reading).

WWs are opportunities to work out your thoughts about some of the assigned material in each section. The best way to learn these ideas is to play with them. No points are lost for misunderstanding the ideas on the WWs.