

Adopt-A-Philosopher



Phase One: Philosopher Biography

For the first part of the assignment, you are going to construct a web page with a group of students that shows the biography and major philosophical beliefs of one major philosopher. Working in a group of 2-3 students, you will construct a wiki-based page located on <http://debatenotes.pbwiki.com>.

Requirements

The Biography should be a brief, but comprehensive look at the life of the philosopher you have chosen. You want to include the basic demographic information of the person you have chosen, as well as any interesting anecdotes/facts about the person's life. Your goal is to present an interesting picture of the person that developed the philosophy, and any events in her life that may have shaped her philosophy.



The Major Philosophical Positions section should explore 3-4 major beliefs that your philosopher discussed during her life. Using specific details in bulleted points, your notes should clearly explain the nuances and applications of the specific beliefs. This section should allow someone unfamiliar with your philosopher to understand her ideas and enough detail to provide a thorough look.

Your page should include **5 quotations** from your philosopher that do a good job of explaining her beliefs. You can include these in the biography section and/or the philosophical positions.

Your page should include at least **3 quotations** from outside sources about your philosopher.

Some Important Things to Keep in Mind

- **You need five external sources.** You need to include a diversity of sources for your information, collected from web pages, books, and other sources. Try not to be too reliant on any one source of information. Your sources should be included at the bottom of the page.
- **Do not plagiarize.** It's really important not to take the ideas or words of others and present them as your own. If you aren't sure what plagiarism is, please refer to this web page: <http://classroom.quixoticpedagogue.org/plagiarism-policy-essay-writing-231>.
- Each student will receive an individual grade for his/her work on the wiki, so contribute to the final product. The final graded page will be the one presented on the deadline.
- The wiki is a living document that retains a history of the pages. Please act accordingly, and keep your edits professional.
- Any deliberate vandalism of another team's page could have a serious impact on your grade.