

# ethics paper #2

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Write an ethics paper on any topic covered in Chapters 1-3 of our text, *A Gift of Fire*. This paper is a little more formal than our first, so please follow the guidelines below.

- **Due:** Wed Apr 19 2017, by the start of class
- **Grading:** This paper is worth 5 points, or 5% of your final grade.
- **Submit:** Please print your paper and bring it to class.

## Ethics Paper Guidelines

Some guidelines for your ethics paper:

- Your paper will probably be 2-3 pages long.
- Formatting: 12 point font, 1.5 to double-spaced, page numbers at the bottom of each page
- Please cite at least 2 (worthy) sources other than the textbook or Wikipedia.
- Use the “citation-sequence” format (reference list is in the order in which they are cited in your paper)
- Use Council of Science Editors (CSE) style for in-text citations and bibliography.

Here’s some online help:

- ◆ [writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/DocCSE.html](http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/DocCSE.html) - U of Wisconsin “Council of Science Editors Documentation Style” review
- ◆ [irsc.libguides.com/c.php?g=146552&p=962390](http://irsc.libguides.com/c.php?g=146552&p=962390) - IRSC library summary of the CSE Style Guide

I like our book’s citation and bibliography style.

Here’s an example of an inline citation, you can use the superscript or brackets, []:

Traumatic life events and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) are endemic among American civilians [1].

And a bibliography entry for that citation:

1. Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*, W. W. Norton, 1963, p. 312.

## Choose a Topic

You can choose any topic from Chapter 1-3 of our book, A Gift of Fire. You can try to persuade and argue for one particular side. Or, you can present both sides of an issue in an attempt to inform.

Here are some of the chapter exercises questions that I thought were interesting:

- [p 43, Exercise 1.34] - The Encyclopedia Britannica... discuss the impact of physical (paper) versus electronic (computer memory) storage of knowledge/information.
- [p 43, Exercise 1.35] - Social bots... consider the ethics of social bots.
- [p 124, Exercise 2.49] - Your town is considering setting up a camera and face recognition system... discuss the ethics of this level of surveillance.
- [p 124, Exercise 2.51] - Veterinarians implant computer chips into pets... discuss the ethics of chip implants for people (not just children).
- [p 175, Exercise 3.36] - Setting up a website with information about suicide... discuss the ethics of the distribution of controversial information.
- [p 175, Exercise 3.38] - Is the control that Google (and other large tech companies) have over the internet a threat to freedom of speech? How does the power of a large company compare to that of a government?

That's it, ethically speaking.

thanks... yow, bill

