

ethics paper #3

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Write an ethics paper on a topic covered in Chapters 4, 6, or 9 of our text, A Gift of Fire.

This paper is a somewhat formal, so please follow the guidelines below.

- **Due:** Sun Nov 13, 2016 11:59 pm (end of the day, I'll grade Monday morning)
- **Grading:** This paper is worth 5 points, or 5% of your final grade.
- **Submit:** Please send me a Ryver-message me with a PDF of your paper.

Ethics Paper Guidelines

Some guidelines (same as paper #2) 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 - U of Wisconsin "Council of Science Editors Documentation Style" review
- ◆ 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

Please can choose any topic from Chapter 4, 6, or 9 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. 225, exercise 4.43] – How will both copyright laws and future technology be used to protect intellectual property?
- [p 225, exercise 4.45] – Should software be copyrightable? What would the impact be if it were not?
- [p. 306, exercise 6.30] – What if other nations don't share America's rules on employee health and safety?
- [p. 307 exercise 6.33] – Automated interviewing. What do you think? What are the plusses and minuses of this approach?
- [p. 307, exercise 6.34] – Women in CS. What do you think? As a contrast, what percentage of elementary school teachers are men? Nurses? If this gender differential a problem? What percentage of college students are female? What is the trend?
- [p. 435, exercise 9.40] – Is it ethical to work on SkyNet? More generally, what part do ethics play in researching topics that may tap incredible power... for good or evil.

thanks... yow, bill

