**Instructions for Final Paper: Philosophies of Feminism**

For the final paper, you will choose your own topic. This paper, like the other two papers, needs to be a persuasive paper. You are constructing an argument trying to persuade your audience to take a certain position on an issue. To write a good paper that doesn’t make you miserable, pick a topic you are interested in, puzzled about, or passionate about.

This paper must be **5-7 pages** long. Like the other two, the paper should be formally written and should engage at least some material from this course. Unlike the other two, you will need to do some additional research for the paper. **You need to engage with at least three sources outside of the things we have read for class.** One of those sources must be a source obtained using the library’s resources. One of those sources must be a feminist blog or other online, grassroots, feminist source. The third source can be anything you like, though if you are using the source to report data/facts make sure it is a reliable source.

**The Multi-Step Process**

You will turn in a **thesis statement** for this paper for a quiz grade and you will also **complete a draft** of the paper for a grade. **We will meet** about this draft and you will briefly (in 5 minutes or less) **present the position you take in your paper to the class**. **The first draft must be a complete draft and will be worth 5% of your final grade in the course.** I will grade the draft just as I would grade the final paper. This allows you to see ahead of time how you would do on the paper if you were to turn it in right away. However, I will give you a grade on the first draft that is 10% higher than the grade you would receive if it were your final draft. In other words, if the paper you turn in as a first draft deserves a 62% D-, you will receive a 72% C- on it. This way the draft doesn’t tank your final paper grade.

**Grading**

The final paper (first and final draft combined) is worth 25% of your final grade for the course.

Your grades for the thesis statement and for meeting with me will be part of your Quizzes grade. Your presentation grade will be a part of your final draft grade.