**Instructions for Final Paper: Contemporary Ethical Issues**

For the final paper, you will choose your own topic. The topic you choose must relate to at least one of the topics we have discussed, or will discuss, in our class. 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, take a position on 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. Unlike the other two, you will need to do some additional research for the paper. **You need to engage with at least three reliable sources outside of the things we have read for class.**

**The Multi-Step Process**

You will turn in a **thesis statement** for this paper and **complete a draft** of the paper for a grade. **We will meet** about this draft. **The first draft must be a complete draft.** I will grade the draft using the same standards I use to grade the final paper, but I will give the draft a 10% boost. 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.

**Schedule for the Final Paper**

November 14th: Thesis is Due (e-mail your thesis to me)

November 21st: Draft is Due (5% of final grade; turn in a physical copy)

November 26th: Mandatory Meeting about Draft

December 19th at 2pm: Final Draft of Paper is Due (20% of your final grade; turn

 in a physical copy and a Turnitin.com copy)