**Instructions for Final Paper: Health, Happiness, and Human Well-being**

For the final paper, you will choose your own topic. The topic must be one that deals with healthcare and ethics, and this paper, like the other two, needs to be persuasive in nature. You are NOT writing a report on your topic. Instead, you are constructing an argument trying to persuade your audience to take a certain position on the issue you have chosen. 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 **4-5 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 two reliable sources chosen from outside of those we have used in class. Wikipedia articles, encyclopedia articles, and dictionary entries do not count toward the two sources you need.**

**The Multi-Step Process**

You will pick a **topic**, turn in a **thesis statement** 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.

**Schedule for the Final Paper**

Wednesday, Nov. 14th: Topic Due

Monday, Nov. 19th: Thesis Due

Wednesday, Nov. 28th : First Draft Due

Wednesday, Dec. 5th: Mandatory Meeting About Draft (No Class)

Wednesday, Nov. 12th : Briefly Present Your Argument to the Class

December 18th at noon: Final Draft of Paper is Due