Suffering and Evil, Fall 2022

Rel St 103/Philos 123

Thesis-based short essay 1

40 points

**Essay Prompt:**

Drawing on our course sources, please compose a short essay response to the following question:

*How does one confront and/or resist evil without adopting the means by which evil functions, that is, by absolutizing evil’s power in the world?*

**Length**: 3.5–4.5 pages, double-spaced, 11-12pt font, not including Works Cited/Bibliography

**Due**: Paper 1 due Friday, October 28, 2pm

**Checklist/Rubric**

THESIS (8pts)

\_\_\_\_1. I have crafted a thesis which is specific, unique, arguable, and is not a question

\_\_\_\_2. I have provided a map in the essay introduction, either in the thesis or immediately

following, that tells the reader what I will address in this paper

BODY (24pts)

\_\_\_\_3. I have used clear topic sentences at the start of paragraphs that reflects the map, and

tells the reader what the paragraph addresses

\_\_\_\_4. (optional) I have used subheadings to aid organization for myself and the reader

\_\_\_\_5. I have read to understand sources for their context and what’s at stake; I utilize

these points to support my thesis, beyond just surface quotes

\_\_\_\_6. I conclude the paper briefly restating my thesis and support claims in some way

CITATIONS (8)

\_\_\_\_7. I use at least 4 sources (the online sources and course videos can be used in addition)

\_\_\_\_8. I utilize signal phrases (“According to X” or “X states,” etc.) OR in-text citations in which

the names/titles are reflected in the Works Cited list

\_\_\_\_9. I created a Works Cited list, in alphabetical order, with entries formatted according to

*The Bedford Handbook*