PART I

WEEK 1

Introduction and Organization

Course Requirements and Reading

The Trolley Problem

August 26

Why Study Philosophy?
http://people.brandeis.edu/~teuber/philnotes.html#Why

Why Study Philosophy? (YouTube).

Philosophy Students Score High on LSAT, GMAT and the GRE

Chart of How Students Performed on Graduate Admission Tests

Philosophy Rocks the Graduate Admission Tests

The Value of Philosophy” (WALL STREET JOURNAL)

The Value of Philosophy (St. Edward’s University)

The Value of Philosophy (University of Rhode Island)

Why Study Philosophy (2).

Why Study Philosophy? (3).

Why Study Philosophy? (4).

The Power of Philosophy Yvette Gross (NPR) (MP3)

Philosophy: "The Ultimate Transferable Skill”
http://people.brandeis.edu/~teuber/philnotes.html#Skill

A Quintessentially Modern Discipline (London Times)

How Does Philosophy” Relate to My Career? (1).

How Does Philosophy Relate to My Career? (2).

What Can You Do with a Philosophy Degree?

Skills That Will Be Developed Through Your Study of Philosophy


I Think, Therefore I Earn (The Guardian).

Top Students Commit To Using Their Knowledge (USA TODAY).

Philosophy Degree Pays Off in Life and Work (New York Times)

To Beat the Market: Hire a Philosopher (New York Times)

How Philosophy Pays Off.

What Is Philosophy? (1)
http://people.brandeis.edu/~teuber/philnotes.html#General


Well-Known Philosophy Majors

What Philosophy Does (John Cleese) (MP3)

How Philosophy Has Changed the World (John Cleese) (MP3)

How Philosophy Can Enrich Your Life (John Cleese) (MP3)

Philosophy Image Gallery: "Philosophers Say ‘Cheese”

Women in Philosophy Gallery

Philosophers' Image Gallery (Barcelona)

Philosophers' Image Gallery (Netherlands)

Philosophy Sub-Fields with Sound Effects (Wadsworth)

Queen v. Dudley, 1984 (Class Handout)
http://courses.dce.harvard.edu/~phils4/dudley.html
Sept. 3  
**What is Philosophy? (2)**
Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), “The Value of Philosophy” in Perry and Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (hereafter “ITP”) 
Full Text of Russell’s *The Value of Philosophy* is also online. http://www.ditext.com/russell/russell.html
Plato (428-348), *Apology* in INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
Both the Russell and Plato can be found in ITP, pp. 18-37
Full Text of Plato’s *Apology* is also online. http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/apology.html

Sept. 7  
**What Is God?**
What Sign Would Convince You That God Exists? (Class Handout)
God’s Nature (Class Handout)
Traditional Arguments for God’s Existence (Class Handout)

Sept. 14  
**Arguments for God’s Existence**
Anselm (1033-1109), “The Ontological Argument” in ITP
Anselm’s Ontological Argument
Aquinas (1225-1274), "The Existence of God" in ITP
The Cosmological Argument: Aquinas’ Five Ways (Class Handout)
William Paley (1743-1805), "Natural Theology" in ITP
Stephen Jay Gould , "The Panda’s Thumb" (Class Handout)
Web Exhibit Online: "The Evolution of the Panda’s Thumb"
The Argument from Design (Class Handout)
Argument from Religious Experience (Class Handout)

Sept. 17  
**The Problem of Evil**
David Hume (1711-76), Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion
Leibniz (1646-1716), “God, Evil and the Best of All Possible Worlds”
Perry, “Dialogue on Good, Evil and the Existence of God” in ITP
The Problem of Evil (Class Handout)

**Reason v. Faith**
Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), "Why I Am Not a Theist" in ITP
http://users.drew.edu/~jlenz/whynot.html
William James (1842-1910), “The Will To Believe,” (excerpt) (Online)
http://falcon.jmu.edu/~omearawm/ph101willtobelieve.html

Paper topics for the first paper will be handed out on Friday, Sept. 17th. Papers are due on Tuesday, Sept. 28th, at Noon in the Philosophy Department Main Office (RABB 303).