PAPER #2

Choose one of the following two passages and write an essay of 4 to 5 pages (typed and double-spaced) either supporting or opposing the position advanced in the passage chosen:

1) Antigone and Socrates disagree in their views about whether we are obligated to obey authority, but Antigone’s views are more defensible.

2) If Aristophanes’ portrait of Socrates in the Clouds were accurate, the Athenians would have been justified in convicting Socrates of the formal charges in the Apology and banishing him from Athens.

In grading your essays I will be looking for:
• thorough familiarity with the readings and lectures relevant to the topic
• evidence for your views in the form of quotations from the works discussed
• a thoughtfully constructed essay that has been carefully proof-read.

Your paper will be due at the beginning of class on Monday, April 17th. (Note that’s different from the due date on the syllabus.)