

Paper #2

In the *Apology* (38a) Socrates says: “The unexamined life is not worth living for a man.” What does Socrates mean by this? Why does he think that is so? What would Descartes have to say about that? How does Descartes’ examination resemble or differ from Socrates’? What do *you* think about Socrates’ statement: Do you agree or disagree, and why?

Your paper should be roughly 3 pages long, typed and double-spaced. Your paper will be graded according to how well you understand the various views and how well you articulate and defend your own view on the issue under discussion. Make sure your paper is organized to address each of the questions. Proof-read your paper to prevent spelling and grammatical mistakes. They will reduce your grade. If you anticipate problems with writing or proofreading you may want to contact the VT Writing Center.

Your work must be your own—anything taken from a book or the internet must be properly credited. Turning in the paper with your name or student ID affixed to it constitutes pledging that you have obeyed the VT Honor Code.

The paper is due in your discussion section on Friday, March 28th.