

Introduction to Philosophy

Extra Credit #2: What is Philosophy?

Due Date

Sunday, September 11th, at the beginning of class.

Late extra credit assignments will *not* be accepted unless you and I agree on a reasonable accommodation *prior* to this due date.

Instructions

Your write-up should be 250–300 words in length and conform to the course's "General Technical Requirements for Formatting Papers". This should be submitted as a computer-type-written hardcopy directly to me.

This extra credit assignment has you listen to a podcast, available on the course website, and do a short write-up addressing some questions about it.

Topic

Listen to the *Philosophy Bites* episode with Edward Craig discussion the question, "What is philosophy?", and answer the following questions.

Questions

1. How does answering the question, "What is philosophy?" involve several other disciplines of thought? What does Craig think "good" philosophy is? Why does Craig think philosophy is an activity open to all people? Why is philosophy like learning a musical instrument or to play a sport?
2. What do you think? Is philosophy worthwhile? Can everyone do it? (Please be kind, I have feelings too!)