

Second Paper Topic
Philosophy 11
Spring, 2016

Length should be approximately 5 pages. Please use a line spacing of 3 lines per inch (double-spaced) and a left margin of 1½ inches, 1 inch elsewhere. Point size may be no less than 10. Please be sure the printing is clear and that the paper stock is of a type that does not make it difficult to produce handwritten comments. Papers will be evaluated on the basis of both content and quality of writing. You **must** cite the text for every claim that you make about the content of the views you present.

Due: Thursday, June 2, in class

Explain the Mohist doctrine of “impartial caring,” as described in Chapter Sixteen of the *Mozi*. Show how Mozi argued for this position. Contrast this doctrine with the Confucian account of benevolence and righteousness **as it relates to the family**, as found in the *Analects* and the *Mengzi*. Then show how Mengzi criticized the Mohist doctrine. Evaluate the strength of Mengzi’s criticism. Finally, explain which of the two views you find more plausible, or why they are equally plausible or implausible.