

**First Paper Topic**  
**Philosophy 21**  
**Fall, 2004**

**Due: November 2, 2004**

Write an essay of roughly 5 pages on the following topic. Use the texts from the course Web site as the basis of your work. Be sure to quote the text whenever you attribute a claim to any of the philosophers. You may make references to the texts in parentheses. Papers not turned in on the day due will be penalized progressively, with the penalties increasing each two working days overdue. Papers should be double-spaced (3 lines per inch) with ample room in the margins for comments. Please use 12-point type (the size of the type in this assignment sheet).

Heraclitus held the view that the universe is perpetually changing, while the Eleatics argued that it is not subject to any change. Describe Heraclitus's view of change. Then give an Eleatic argument for the impossibility of change. Finally, try to construct a defense of Heraclitus's view against the Eleatic argument.