

Essay Rubric

/10 Proposal

/5 Submitted a proposal on time

/5 Proposal meets requirements laid out in assignment prompt

/20 Story of an episode in the history of science

/10 Are the facts straight?

/5 Do you use historical anchor-points (time, place, name, context)?

/5 Did you tell a story?

/20 Summary of Philosophical Topic(s)

/2 Did you select a philosophical topic discussed in class?

/13 Is the topic accurately summarized in the essay?

/5 Do you use technical terminology accurately and appropriately?

/30 Convincing argument why this story is significant

/10 Did you answer the two (or more) questions in your proposal?

/10 Do you support your answer with convincing arguments (premises and conclusions)?

/10 Do you use the historical story to make your arguments?

/20 Writing and Research Quality

/5 Essay has an introduction, thesis, and conclusion

/5 Citations and bibliography are accurate, complete, and consistently formatted

/5 Grammar, punctuation, spelling

/5 Writing is clear and easy to follow

Ways to Mess Up

- 10 points deducted if essay is not on proposal topic
- 10 points deducted for essays shorter than 7 pages or longer than 12 pages
- 10 points deducted for every 24-hour period the assignment is late

Grade Scale

A+ 98–100%

B+ 88–90%

C+ 78–79%

D 60–69%

A 94–97%

B 83–87%

C 73–77%

A- 91–93%

B- 80–82%

C- 70–72%

F <60%