

**Phil 184/284: Formal and Informal Epistemology**  
**Section 5 Handout**

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1. Notes:
  - DON'T MAKE RISKY JOKES IN YOUR ESSAYS!!
  - Background:
    - o You need to develop the ability to understand the written work of others
    - o Cite the texts—not the handouts, lectures or sections
  
2. Essay topics
  - a. Download these from Canvas
  
3. Essay guides:
  - a. Jim Pryor's guide:
    - i. <http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html>
  - b. Lord John Wilcox's guide:
    - i. [https://johnericwilcox.weebly.com/uploads/6/3/9/4/63943309/new\\_essay\\_writing\\_guide.pdf](https://johnericwilcox.weebly.com/uploads/6/3/9/4/63943309/new_essay_writing_guide.pdf)
  - c. Reference point:
    - i. [https://johnericwilcox.weebly.com/uploads/6/3/9/4/63943309/handout\\_3.pdf](https://johnericwilcox.weebly.com/uploads/6/3/9/4/63943309/handout_3.pdf)
  
4. Example of an essay:
  - a. <https://link-springer-com.stanford.idm.oclc.org/article/10.1007%2Fs10838-019-09488-0>
  
5. A secret