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**CLN 4U: UNIT 1 SUMMATIVE ASSIGNMENT**

***NATURAL & POSITIVE LAW PHILOSOPHERS***

*Plato Thomas Hobbes Aristotle*

*John Locke Cicero Jacques Rousseau*

*Cesare Becarria Jeremy Bentham Saint Augustine*

*John Austin St. Thomas Aquinas John Stuart Mill*

***OBJECTIVE:*** In pairs, students will research an assigned philosopher and deliver your findings to the rest of the class in a brief presentation. You will also be responsible for providing the class with a handout (maximum one page, double sided) which summarizes the required information.

***STEP 1: RESEARCHING YOUR PHILOSOPHER***

*Your presentation and handout must include the following information:*

* A brief introduction to your philosopher - include: full name, birth/death dates, biographical information
* A clear and concise summary of your philosopher’s basic beliefs about the law **& which school of law he belongs to (Natural/Positive)**
* 2-3 samples of writing/quotes by your philosopher on the topic of law (*keep it simple!*)
* A well thought out explanation for the sample of writing, which makes a clear connection between the ideas expressed by your philosopher and their basic beliefs about the law
* For each of the following topics write an argument either in support of or against the issue which clearly illustrates your philosopher’s belief concerning current laws:

Civil disobedience

Abortion/Euthanasia/Capital Punishment (Choose 1)

**A WORD OF ADVICE** . . .

Please understand that this is designed to be an IN CLASS, GROUP assignment. I am giving you several full work periods for a reason. Use your time in class effectively and there will be little need to complete additional work (aside from typing) outside of class time.

Choosing to split up the work for the entire assignment defeats the purpose and often leads to disastrous results. You all need to know your Philosopher!

***STEP 2: CREATING YOUR HANDOUT***

Your handout must:

* Clearly summarize your research findings IN YOUR OWN WORDS
* Be logically organized, using subheadings
* Using bullets is acceptable; however, all information should be in FULL sentences…follow the examples!!
* Be typed; maximum length = one page, double sided
* Include a complete list of your additional sources (Not part of your handout…unless you want to fill

***STEP 3: PRESENTATION***

It’s the latest in daytime television! Oh, sure...you’ve heard of Dr. Phil. But have you heard of . . . Dr. Philosopher! That’s right! Your famous philosopher is scheduled to be interviewed on the Dr. Philosopher Show!!! Actually, here you have a fair bit of choice. You can interview your philosopher on Dr. Phil (Or Oprah!!).OR, you could be mourners at your Philosopher’s funeral – be creative! OR…..you could simply create a PowerPoint (not so exciting). DON’T JUST READ YOUR HANDOUT…use it as a guide on what must be covered

Your presentation must:

* Include all group members, indicating that you are all confident in the subject matter
* BRIEFLY cover all of the required research components

***HELPFUL WEBSITES***

These websites may be of use to you when researching this assignment. However, I would highly recommend that you consult a number of additional sources as well:

• Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy & Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

• http://www.brainyquotes.com