

Natural and Positive Law Philosophers

- Plato
- Aristotle
- Cicero
- Justinian
- Saint Augustine
- Saint Thomas Aquinas
- H.L.A Hart
- Karl Marx
- Thomas Hobbes
- John Locke
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- Jeremy Bentham
- John Austin
- John Stuart Mill

You will research your chosen philosopher and deliver your findings to me using PowerPoint, Prezi, or another presentation software. You will also be responsible for providing your teacher with a handout (maximum one page, double sided) which summarizes the required information.

Step One - 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.

NOTE: This is an important part of this project. You can spend less time on the biography of the thinker in favour of more time spent on an explanation of their beliefs about Law! It is the thinking that I am interested in.

- One (or more) samples of writing by your philosopher on the topic of law
- 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

NOTE: This section is VERY important. Be sure to choose a sample of writing the clearly relates to their thoughts on law. Be sure to explain its significance thoroughly.

- select one of the following controversial social issues:
 - Abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, or another APPROVED issue
- write an argument either in support of or against this issue which clearly illustrates your philosopher's beliefs concerning the law

Step Two - 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
- be typed; maximum length = one page, double sided
- include a complete list of your additional sources

Helpful Web Pages

In addition to the lesson, 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:

- <http://www.utm.edu/research/iep>
- <http://www.scholiast.org/history/histphil.html>