

First Paper Topic

Answer one of the following questions.

1. At several points in his argument, Locke makes reference to a benevolent God. To what extent is God's presence necessary to Locke's arguments about the state of nature and political society?
2. Locke uses the condition of the "several nations of Americans" (§41) as evidence for the reasonableness of his conception of property. To what extent are *Candide's* adventures in America a refutation of Locke's reasoning?
3. You have heard in lecture that Hume is a strong critic both of revealed religion as well as natural religion. In your view, which of his arguments (against revealed religion or against natural religion) is stronger?
4. A central element in Voltaire's *Candide* is his satirical attack on philosophy. Newton conceives of himself as engaging in natural philosophy. To what extent are Newton's scientific practice and philosophical principles vulnerable to Voltaire's satire?

Essays must be 5-7 pages long. Hard copies are due **at the beginning of class** on Monday, February 1.

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