Procedural Stuff

To pass the class:

- Come to lecture. Do the reading beforehand.

- Do all of the writing assignments.

- Come to section. Attendance and participation matter.
  - Absence policy: If you miss section, email me! I'll harass you if you don't.
  - Miss more than once and you'll have to make it up (probably by writing a short response; we'll work it out as it comes up.)

- Your section grade is 25% of the final.
  - 5% will be a short (5 mins, max) presentation in section.
    You will have the questions beforehand.
    At the beginning of section everyone will have time to think/review.
    Then I'll call on someone to present.
  - 5% will be a writing workshop, which we will hold before the first paper is due. If you participate, you will automatically get the 5%.
  - The other 15% will depend on attendance and participation.

To do well and enjoy the class:

- Come to section ready to discuss the readings.

- Come see me if you're confused or need help.

- Start your papers early! I am always happy to meet with you to discuss drafts.
Utilitarianism

1. State Bentham’s Principle of Utility:

2. Four important aspects of Utilitarianism:

   Consequentialism

   Hedonism

   Impartiality

   Sum-maximization

3. How would a Utilitarian explain why…

   -You should help a little old lady across the street, even if it makes you late for class?

   -You shouldn't kick puppies, even if it’s fun?

   -You should kick puppies, if it’s really fun?

3. Rights: distinguish between the legal sense and the moral sense.

   Examples of moral rights:
   
   Examples of legal rights:

4. What does Utilitarianism say about rights?

   A. Moral rights – do they exist?

   B. Legal rights – when should they exist?