

Phil 114, First Paper Topic

Due: Thursday, February 8, in class, before lecture begins (=2:10).

Maximum Length: Three double-spaced pages, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Explain *Leviathan*, Ch. XV, ¶ 21 (which begins “The question ‘who is the better man?’ ...”) and its connections to Hobbes’s overall theory.

In particular, you may want to explain:

- In what sense are all men by nature equal?
- What is a law of nature?
- Why does it follow from the fact that all men are by nature equal (whatever this means) that there is law of nature (whatever this means) that requires men to recognize this fact?