

Humanities 5: Modern Culture
Lyon – Summer I, 2008

Paper 1

1. To what extent does Nietzsche's 'revaluation of all values' simply reproduce the values that Marx argues are characteristic of the bourgeoisie?
2. Nietzsche claims that "convictions are prisons," therefore, great intellects are skeptics (p184). Using James's analysis in "A Will to Believe," respond to Nietzsche's claim.
3. Each of the texts we have read in the course so far has a different perspective on the nature of truth and a person's relationship to it. Using either Marx, James, or Nietzsche, argue how to best understand the concept of *justice* in Kafka's "In the Penal Colony."

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Write a **5-6 page** paper answering one of the above questions. The paper is due, **Monday, July 14**, before the start of lecture. Late papers will be penalized 1/3 of a grade per day late (including non-class days).

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