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Texts: reading selection in order of assignment:
1. *Five Dialogues*, Plato
   "Apology", "Euthyphro", "Meno"

2. *Nicomachean Ethics*, Aristotle
   - Book I, chapters 1-5, 10-13
   - Book II, chapters 1, 4-9
   - Book III, chapters 1, 6-7
   - Book IV, chapters 1, 5-6
   - Book VII, chapters 1, 6-7
   - Book X, chapters 6-10

3. *Faç Pac*, excerpts from Descartes' "Discourse On Method"

4. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Kant

5. *Utilitarianism*, J. S. Mill


7. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, Frederick Douglass


In addition, one or two films will be shown and discussed, and will figure significantly in the content of the course.

Course requirements
1. Periodic examinations totaling about 2/3 of the grade. The lowest score will be dropped - if at least 4 exams are given prior to the final; otherwise, all exams will count. Most questions will be short essay questions.
2. A comprehensive final exam (essay questions); worth approximately 1/3 of the grade.
3. Students are expected to be present on the day of the exam.
   Also, please respect the people around you during class; do not carry on private conversations, or cause disruptions by late arrivals, early departures - etc.

Pass/not-pass registrants must receive a letter grade of C- or better to pass.