

Philosophy of Language

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Second Paper

For your second philosophy of language paper please read “Compositionality” by Michael Johnson. It can be found here: <http://michaeljohnsonphilosophy.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/IEP-Comp.docx> . Your assignment is to write a 4-6pp paper on some topic related to compositionality. It can be a topic in the article or a topic we discussed in class or a topic you are independently interested in: it just has to relate somehow to compositionality.

The paper is due 8 April by midnight.

Extra credit: You may, if you choose to, describe to me anything in the “Compositionality” article that you find unclear. It would be helpful if you explained why it was unclear. I would also like to hear your suggestions regarding how the article could be improved: maybe you have better examples than the ones I use, or better ways of explaining things, or suggestions for the organization of the article. I will give students some (not very large) amount of extra credit points based on how helpful their suggestions are. I will accept suggestions at any time, but extra credit can only be earned if it is turned in by 8 April at midnight.