

**Topics for Paper #2. Due Thursday April 4.**

Choose one of the following topics and respond to it in a paper of no less than 4 pages and no more than 6 pages. Your paper should be typed, 10- or 12-point, double-spaced and spell-checked. It should conform to the guidelines for writing essay papers handed out in class. ***Make Absolutely Certain that you have read and understood these guidelines before you attempt to begin writing your paper.*** Please submit a hardcopy of your paper in class on the due date, as well as an e-version to SafeAssign (see instructions on reverse).

1. Compare and contrast Veblen's account of the origin of society with Rousseau's. On what points do they agree? On what points do they differ?
2. Does the feminine mystique still influence contemporary attitudes towards women? Explain how such attitudes might be changed: is it solely the responsibility of the media (women's magazines, tv, movies, etc), or should consumers of the media take an active role, too.
3. Fanon and King are both concerned with the alienation felt by one group under the oppression of another. Where Fanon advocates violence as the only method for overcoming this oppression, King advocates non-violence. How could they have reached such different conclusions? Compare and contrast Fanon's arguments for violence with King's arguments for non-violence.
4. Veblen's account of pecuniary emulation rests heavily on the distinction between productive work and non-productive work. Explain how he makes this distinction and apply it to some of the specific examples he uses: butler, wife, *etc.* Are there counterexamples to it? Assess its adequacy.

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