

PAPER 2: DUE FEBRUARY 23 (50 POINTS)

Write a paper that is at least 1,500 words long on one of the following topics:

1. **Emotivism:** Define the term in a way that is consistent with MacIntyre's use of it and elaborate on its manifestations in the present world and in your own experience. How would emotivist thinking affect the way a corporation is run? And how would such a corporation be judged by today's ethical standards?
2. **The Enlightenment Project:** What is meant by MacIntyre's use of the phrase "the Enlightenment Project?" Who were the philosophers that made up the Project and what common elements characterized their work? What were they trying to accomplish?
3. **The Enlightenment Itself:** What was the Enlightenment? How did the philosophers discussed by MacIntyre in Chapters 4 and 5 reflect the broad trends of the Enlightenment?
4. **Unvarying Rules:** MacIntyre asserts in several places that the rule sets of modern moral philosophy correspond strikingly to the rule sets of much earlier civilizations, in spite of drastic changes in the underlying sociology. What does MacIntyre believe is the reason for this? What other explanation can you think of that might explain this phenomenon?
5. **Interminable Moral Argument:** Consider the moral disagreements that MacIntyre lays out at the beginning of Chapter 2. In your opinion, should an ideal society be able resolve each of the cited positions as definitively right or wrong? If so, what is different about that society that allows it to make such distinctions while ours cannot? If not, how is a society to govern itself in the light of such unresolvable matters?