

First paper assignment

As we have seen, in *On Free Choice of the Will* Augustine offers (at least) two independent arguments as to why God wanted to create creatures with free will. In your paper briefly recapitulate what seem to you to be Augustine's two best arguments on this question, doing your best to make his reasoning clear and intelligible. Once you have described the two arguments, say which of the two seems to you to be stronger or more successful and why.

Length: two pages, double-spaced

Due date: Friday, February 12, 12:00 noon

Requirements and recommendations:

Double-space your paper. Use 1" margins and a 12-point font. Number your pages.

You will need to be as concise as possible. Do not bother with an introduction or a conclusion; jump right into exposition in the first paragraph of your paper.

Make explicit reference to Augustine's text in your exposition. Assuming you are using the edition of *On Free Choice of the Will* listed in the course syllabus, you may simply use page numbers in parentheses to refer to his work. Whether you quote Augustine directly or paraphrase his claims, you need to provide a textual reference for each significant claim you make about his position.

Make sure your writing is grammatically and syntactically correct. Make use of the Writing Center if you need help doing so.

Check your paper over carefully for spelling and typographical errors before turning it in.

Make sure your paper addresses the assigned questions.

Papers are to be turned in to my office, 208 Chapin Hall (under the door if I am not in).