

## Mind and Brain: Integration Paper #2

For the final essay of the quarter, we want you to be writing about a topic that you really care about. Because we have students with widely varying interests we are giving you the choice of the following three topics.

Choices:

- A) Clinical Reflection: Read “The teenager who was a liar”(available on the program webpage) . How does this case relate to the concepts that are most important in the readings for the class? Describe the connections you find between the case and the readings, showing that you can apply the concepts from the readings to a set of life experience that may be very different from your own.
- B) Public Policy Recommendation: Identify a concept from the readings that you think has important public policy implications. Collect the evidence from the texts that helps to explain and understand the problem, and that provides support for the way you would recommend solving the problem.
- C) Research Question: Think of an aspect of the study of the mind / brain that is very interesting to you, and where we just don’t know all the answers. Use the readings from the class to show what makes this aspect of the mind so important and puzzling. Survey the answers that have been given in the past, and say which ones you think are hopelessly wrong, and which ones have the best chance of being right, and give your reasons for thinking so. Then say what kinds of evidence would be useful in finding the correct answers, and how that evidence might be obtained, based on the kinds of research we have been reading this quarter.

Your paper should be 4-6 pages, double-spaced

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