

Week 2 Assignments

Due Tuesday April 5th

Critical Reasoning Assignment for Tuesday April 5: Read the rest of *Critical Reasoning*, Chapter 2 and work out Chapter 2 Exercise 2.1 **even** items. Review, and modify the results from the small group exercise **III** and write a short statement of the main argument.

Ethics Assignment for Tuesday, April 5: **Read** Rachels Chapter 2 & 3. Focus particularly on the “Cultural Differences Argument,” on Rachels’ criticisms of cultural relativism, and on what can be learned from cultural relativism as well as his characterization of subjectivism and the role of reason in ethic. **Submit:** a brief description of the moral choice portrayed in the film that you discussed in Friday’s Ethics Workshop 2-1 **IV** as well as an argument (or arguments) leading to the conclusion that the choice was morally acceptable or not.

Additional Assignment for Tuesday, April 5. Access the program the Moodle Site. (If you run into trouble, tell David on Tuesday.)

- (1) (Optionally) Update your Profile to include a brief introduction to yourself that might be of interest to students in the Thinking Straight program..
- (2) There is an entry called *Forum: Introducing 3:10 to Yuma* for Week 2—Clicking on it will send you to a Moodle Forum. Post a discussion comment that gives your assessment of the movie as film (not merely as a vehicle for an ethics exercise). This could be as brief as the statement such as “I liked it,” but preferably something a bit more elaborate indicating why you gave the assessment you did.. The main purpose of this task is to see whether you are able to use the Moodle forum.

Due Friday April 8th

Critical Reasoning Assignment for Friday, April 8 **Review** CR Ch. 2, **Read** CR chapter 3 to p. 61, **Submit** Chapter Two Exercise 2.2 even; Exercise 2.3 B even; 2.3C even; Exercise 2.4 #2

Ethical Reasoning Assignment for Friday, April 8. **Review** Rachels Chapter 3 (*Subjectivism*) and **Read** Chapter 4 (*Religion and Morality*). **Submit** a brief essay presenting the strongest argument you can in favor and against cultural relativism. Indicate which of the two (pro & con) alternatives you find ultimately most compelling and why you do so. If relevant, relate your discussion to some decision, action or behavior in “3:10 to Yuma.”