Your longer paper is due by class time, on Tuesday, December 6\textsuperscript{th}. The recommended length is approximately 10 to 12 pages for graduate students, 8 to 10 pages for undergraduates. Your paper can be a bit shorter or longer, but I will not read past the 15\textsuperscript{th} page (seriously). Again, make sure your paper is typed, double-spaced, written in proper English, stapled, with the pages numbered.

The topic for this paper assignment is much more open-ended than for the first paper. Any material covered in the Modality, Persistence through Time, Personal Identity, and Realism/Anti-Realism sections is fair game. Though, I somewhat discourage papers on the last section, as the presentation of that material is so close to the paper’s due date. (But, if you procrastinate anyway…) I expect this paper to go beyond mere exposition of some assigned reading. I expect you to raise an objection by counter-example or argument, or provide a further argument/reason in favor of a position, or press for clarification where needed, or generalize the author’s conclusion to another domain, etc. Further, I expect you to do some research and reading beyond the assigned articles.

I have included some sample topics and suggested readings below (I have not included the relevant readings from our anthology, as I assume you are already aware of them). However, I also encourage you to develop your own paper topic. If you do so, do run it by me for approval (in person, or via email) before you start working on it. And, whatever your paper topic happens to be, feel free to contact me for help with finding additional sources on your particular topic. (I also have copies, or originals, of most of these readings.)

1. The Legitimacy of \textit{De Re} Modality. Is all necessity merely linguistic, or do things in the world have essential properties? If there are \textit{de re} necessities, what grounds these truths?

Quine’s \textit{Word and Object} (Section 41), Kripke’s \textit{Naming and Necessity} (Preface, Lecture I, pp. 39-53 in particular), David Lewis’s “Counterpart Theory and Quantified Modal Logic”

2. Lewis’s Counterpart Theory. E.g., defend or object to counterpart theory as an account of \textit{de re} modality.

Lewis’s “Counterpart Theory and Quantified Modal Logic”, Lewis’s “Counterparts of Persons and Their Bodies”, Kripke’s \textit{Naming and Necessity} (same passages as above), Trenton Merricks’ “The End of Counterpart Theory”
*With regard to these first 2 topics, and the nature of possible worlds in general, Robert Stalnaker’s collection *Ways a World Might Be* would also be very helpful.

3. Semantic and Metaphysical Haecceities. Do the qualitative facts about a world determine all the facts about that world? What is the connection, if any, between haecceities and direct reference theories of names?

Kripke’s *Naming and Necessity* (Lectures I and II), David Lewis, *On the Plurality of Worlds* (Section 4.4)

4. 3-Dimensionalism vs. 4-Dimensionalism. Do objects persist by perduring or enduring? Do temporal parts exist, and, if so, how are they related to ordinary objects? (You can also write on any philosophical problem of persistence through time, and proposed solutions.)

Ted Sider’s “Four Dimensionalism” (or, his book *Four Dimensionalism*), Peter Van Inwagen’s “Four-dimensional Objects”, Trenton Merricks’ “Endurance and Indiscernibility”

5. Criteria for Personhood. What must be the case for person A, at time t1, to be identical to person B, at time t2?

Locke’s *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (Book II, Chapter 27), Derek Parfit’s *Reasons and Persons* (Chapters 10-13), John Perry’s (editor) *Personal Identity*, Bernard Williams’ “Bodily Continuity and Personal Identity”, Eric Olson’s *The Human Animal*