

### **Short Writing Assignment #3**

The assignment should be 1-2 pages, typed and double spaced and emailed before class to the teacher's assistant on the date listed below.

Remember that late assignments will incur a penalty of one third of a letter grade per day!

#### **Due Monday 3 March: The Closure Principle**

1. What is the closure principle? State the principle in English, rather than in symbols.
2. What is Stroud's principle? State the principle in English, rather than in symbols.
3. Explain how the closure principle can be used to motivate the premise that I know I have hands only if I know that I am not a disembodied brain in a vat.
4. Explain why the closure principle cannot be used to motivate the premise that I know I have hands only if I know that I am not dreaming.
5. Explain how Stroud's principle can be used to motivate the premise that I know I have hands only if I know that I am not dreaming.
6. Why is Stroud's principle regarded as controversial?

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