

Philosophy of Law

OPTIONAL ASSIGNMENT I, EMMACHILD

NAME: _____

Directions: Answer the following question carefully. Your answer must be approximately one **typed** single-spaced page, or two **typed** double-spaced pages. Do not enclose your paper in any type of folder or cover, return this page with your paper. The paper is worth a maximum of 25 points. Staple, do not paper-clip, your assignment together.

DUE DATE: TBA _____

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From either a newspaper or magazine (**no textbooks, reference books or the internet, other than internet news**) find **two** examples of legal issues or problems where the reasoning is based on any **two** of the following: *Absolutism, Essentialism, Relativism, Existentialism, Rationalism, Empiricism*. You must **carefully explain your choices**, being sure to **define** all technical philosophical terms. You must also be sure to **underline** the actual **sentence or sentences** which you believe represent each position. (NOTE: you must include a copy of the actual writing with this assignment; that is, include the full sentence or paragraph from which the sentence is selected.) Your example must be no older than one year.