

Take Home Exam
Ancient Philosophy
Fall 2010

Due Date: Midnight, Thursday, December 16. The paper must be emailed as a Word or PDF document to my email address. (mcollier@morris.umn.edu) You should retain a copy of your paper in case your message does not go through. I will contact you if I have not received it. Late papers will be deducted a full grade (i.e. A to B etc.) for each day it is late.

Essay #1

Dear 'Athens Post' Theater Editor,

I have recently had the opportunity to watch Euripides' recent tragedy, *Medea*, and I would like to make the following points....

Sincerely,

Plato|

Essay #2

Dear 'Athens Post' Theater Editor,

In response to the letter of Plato, I would like to make the following points about Euripides' *Medea*....

Sincerely,

Aristotle

Directions: You should complete each of these letters. In doing so, should try to incorporate (as much as possible) earlier readings of the course, especially Aristotle's *Poetics* and the selections from his *Rhetoric*, as well as the ethical writings of both Plato and Aristotle. Each of the papers should be approximately 4-5 pages in length; this means they should aim to get onto the fifth page but not off the sixth. The paper should have 12 point font and 1 inch margins. The paper can be written in a colloquial style as you might see in such letters. But the philosophical rigor must come through in your exposition. You should be as clear as possible, for example, about the various arguments that each of them would give about the value and significance of this tragedy.