Humanities 117: Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities
Section no. 3. Mon. and Wed., 1:30–2:50pm, Wieboldt 230.

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Course Requirements
Classroom participation, including attendance at and participation in writing seminars. One 4–6 page paper, due in class Mon., May 5; and one 8–12 page paper, due Wed., June 11. (Note: there will be one Friday session, Apr. 25, possibly not at the regular time.)

Texts
Emerson, *Self-Reliance and Other Essays* (Dover).
Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, tr. Wood (Yale).
Gene Wolfe, *Shadow and Claw* (Tor).
Gene Wolfe, *Sword and Citadel* (Tor).

All texts should be available at the Seminary Coop. Readings not on the above list will be made available as photocopies. (As was the case last quarter, you can use a different translation/edition at your own risk.)

Readings
Mon., Mar. 31: first meeting (no reading).
Mon., Apr. 7: Hume, *Enquiry*, §§III and IV.


Wed., Apr. 16: Kant, *Groundwork*, sect. 2, pp. 22–40, end of no. 4 (Ak. 406–near end of Ak. 423) (ending “of all the hope of the assistance that he wishes for himself”).

Mon., Apr. 21: Kant, *Groundwork*, sect. 2, pp. 40–55, end of first paragraph (Ak. 423–beginning of Ak. 437) (ending “as far as may be done, to bring the action nearer to intuition”).

Wed., Apr. 23: no class (seventh day of Passover).

Fri., Apr. 25: Kant, *Groundwork*, sect. 2, pp. 55–8, until just before the heading “Autonomy of the will” (Ak. 437–40) (ending “itself subject to this legislation”); sect. 3, pp. 63–71, through the end of the subsection titled “How is a categorical imperative possible?” (Ak. 446–55).

Mon., Apr. 28: Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason* and *Critique of Practical Reason* (short selections) (a total of about eight pages, but, warning, very rough going).


Mon., May 5: Emerson, “History” (in your book); “Circles” (handout) (and first paper due).


Mon., May 12: Nietzsche, “Schopenhauer as Educator” §§1–2 (pp. 127–36); §§4–5 (pp. 146–161); from §6, the description of the scholar (p. 169, 2nd par.—beginning “Science is related to wisdom”—through p. 174, 2nd par.—ending “cannot be found in him either.”); §8 (pp. 182–94).

Tues., May 13 (evening) (and/or other nights this week): screening of *The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai: Across the Eighth Dimension*.


Wed., May 21: Wolfe, *Shadow and Claw*, pp. 7–94 (from *The Shadow of the Torturer*). (Note: please do read p. 7, the page before the first page.)

Mon., May 26: no class (Memorial Day).


Tues., June 3 (evening) (and/or other nights this week): screening of *The Big Lebowski*.


Wed., June 11: **final paper due.**