

**First Paper Topic
Philosophy 151
Winter, 2008**

Due: **February 13, 2008**, in class

Write an essay of approximately 1500 words on the following topic, to be printed and submitted on paper. This is an exercise in textual analysis, so please restrict yourself to the text and lecture materials for this course. Be sure to make generous use of quotations to back up your case. Please double-space your paper and allow adequate space on the margins for comments.

Hegel declared that "Reason is the law of the world" (p. 62), while Schopenhauer maintained that "the intellect is a mere accident of our being" (p. 100). Explain what was meant by each of these philosophers, and whether and to what extent their views are in conflict. Show what arguments (if any) the two used to arrive at these two apparently opposite conclusions.