GRADING LEGEND FOR DR. Y’S PAPERS

Near where the Introduction is or should be:

NI = No Introduction, as required. See Hints at the bottom of the paper topics, for what should be included in the introduction, and have an Introduction next time, if applicable.

NPI = No (or Not enough) Position(s) taken in your Introduction, as required. You need to say which side of the issue/position/philosopher you’re going to take in the paper, not just that you will take a stand later.

NIQ = No (or Not enough) Issues or Questions (to be addressed) presented in the Introduction, as required. Tell the reader exactly what you’re going to do in your paper, every term/issue you’re going to explain, in order, but briefly. In other words, do not write out the paper topic questions word for word, but concisely sum up the questions or issues you’ll be discussing in the paper. You should end the Intro with “Lastly, I will raise and respond to an objection (or two objections) against my view.” (… because that’s the last thing you’ll do before concluding.)

In the Body of the paper (after the Intro but before the Conclusion):

AWK = Awkward sentence – you have two clauses that don’t go together well. The sentence is incoherent and needs revision.

GI = Grammar is a major issue, getting in the way of my understanding what you’re trying to say. Use the Writing Lab in the library or turn in a draft to me next time, if applicable.

MA = Missing an Answer to a question – you didn’t answer one of the questions of the topic (review topics to verify that).

WA = Weak Argument. There should be a brief explanation here as to why it’s weak.

YMP = You Misunderstood the Philosopher. If there is not an explanation, you may see Dr. Y and he’ll tell you why you didn’t nail down the philosopher’s view.

WP = You have the Wrong Philosopher – you confused, say, Hume when you should have said, Locke, or whatever.

NP = No Page numbers, as required – including columns, if your textbook has them. Look for circles around periods at the ends of sentences, for where you should have had page numbers.

MP = More Page numbers – you have some page numbers, which is good, but you need more of them. Look for circles around periods at the ends of sentences, for where you should have had page numbers.

NV = No View given. You needed to have a paragraph where you argued in favor of a position or a philosopher’s view.

N.O. = No Objection to your position, as required. See the topic again and the Hints at the end of the topic to see what was required and the required formatting for the Objections and Replies.

NR = No Reply to your objection, or at least to one of your objections (for instance, if you had three Objections in one paragraph, which Dr. Y has also asked you not to do …)

Near where the Conclusion is or should be:

NC = No Conclusion, as required. See Hints at the bottom of the paper topics, for what should be (or have been) included in the introduction, and have a Conclusion next time, if applicable.

NRC = No [complete] Review in your Conclusion, as required. You should say exactly what you did, every term or issue you explained (in order, at least briefly), which stances you took on the issues you addressed, and so on. (See Hints at the bottom of the paper topics for these items.)