

21H.311
FALL 2004

Sixth Paper: Topics

Please write a two to three-page paper in response to **ONE** of the topics below. The text should be double-spaced. The paper is due at the beginning of class on Wednesday, 11/10. Refer to the requirements found on the first paper topic handout for more guidance.

Topics

1) It is 1525. Imagine you are one of the following: a German prince, a German peasant, a theologian at the University of Paris, or an Anabaptist. You have just read the debate between Erasmus and Martin Luther on the question of human will. (RR, 677-703) Write a letter to a friend in which you express your preference for one of the two positions. Justify your choice.

2) In 1520, Luther wrote: "A Christian man is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone." (RR, 722) Explain what Luther meant by this seemingly contradictory assertion.