

Existentialism

Assignment #5

De Beauvoir

(Due Monday December 6)

Write a 3-4 page (double-spaced) response to the following:

Explain how Simone de Beauvoir attempts to work out an existentialist ethics. What was it that she found lacking in Sartre's account in *Being and Nothingness* and how does she attempt to respond to this problem in the *Ethics of Ambiguity*? What are the various stages she describes in the development toward *genuine freedom*? For de Beauvoir, what is this genuine freedom that is, for her, the only authentic moral freedom?