

Paper 1

Draft due **Thursday Sept 10**

Finished Paper due **Tuesday Sept 15**

Please bring a hard copy of your draft to the writing workshop on 9/10. You may submit a hard copy of your final paper at the start of class on Tuesday Sept 15.

Length: 750-900 words (excluding works cited list)

Topic: Knowing Other Minds

Consider Morgan's Canon:

"In no case is an animal activity to be interpreted in terms of higher psychological processes if it can be fairly interpreted in terms of processes which stand lower in the scale of psychological evolution and development."

Morgan, C. L. (1894) *An Introduction to Comparative Psychology*

In your own words, explain Morgan's Canon and explain some reasons for accepting it. Then apply Morgan's Canon to one or two cases of animal behavior that you find in the news, readings, pop culture (viral videos, etc.), or from personal experience. Finally, use your example(s) to evaluate Morgan's Canon. Does applying Morgan's Canon help to provide a good explanation of your case(s)? Why or why not?