

Reading Questions: Gertler's "In Defense of Mind-Body Dualism"
and Papineau's "The Case for Materialism"

Gertler:

1. What is the *identity thesis* form of physicalism?
2. What do dualists deny?
3. How does Gertler defend dualism? (HINT: see the right column of p. 361 in the 16th edition.)
4. Explain the disembodiment argument for dualism.
5. Explain the physicalist objection (found in section 5) to the disembodiment argument.

Papineau:

1. With what particular philosophical puzzle is Papineau's "The Case for Materialism" concerned? What solution to the puzzle does Papineau embrace?
2. Explain Papineau's causal argument for materialism.
3. Explain epiphenomenalism and pre-established harmony. Explain how they serve as objections to premise 1 of Papineau's causal argument.
4. According to Papineau, how might one go about denying premise 3? Explain.
5. According to Papineau, how might one go about denying premise 2? Explain.