*TOPICS:
1) Do you agree/disagree with John Locke’s claim that personal identity is a matter of memories and
that the body is irrelevant to a person’s self-identity? Briefly summarize Locke’s position and
present your own point of view.
Reading: pp.335-339
2) In your view, who is “Schwanda” in Meredith Michaels’ story of the steamroller accident?
Clearly explain the reasons for your position.
Reading: pp.346-349
3) Do you agree/disagree with Jean-Paul Sartre’s existentialist claim that the self is a matter of
personal choice and responsibility? Briefly summarize Sartre’s view and explain the reasons for
your own position.
Reading: pp.350-354*

*General instructions:
• Choose one topic below, clearly indicate your topic, and address the questions asked
• Write a paper of about 400 words (it may be longer but not shorter)
• Give the correct titles of the texts and name of authors you use
• Do not consult any additional sources. Your only source is the textbook!
• If you quote, follow the original text word for word (if you quote only part of an original
sentence, indicate the omission; if you integrate part of a quote into you own sentence, the overall
sentence still has to be grammatically correct)
• Use quotation marks for all literal quotes
• Give page references to the textbook for all quotes as well as for ideas you appropriate and
paraphrase
• Clearly organize and explain your thoughts*

*• Avoid grammatical and orthographic errors*

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quality of own arguments and ideas in response to the text; concise and persuasive presentation of own
arguments; creative connections made; quality of writing – use of proper English.*