

Recognizing Utilitarian Strengths and Weaknesses

After having summarized basic utilitarian theory, and having read and analyzed utilitarian based articles and arguments, it is time to see if you can identify the strengths and weaknesses of the theory on your own.

TASK:

Read the Saturday Morning Breakfast Cereal comic strip, found using the following link:

<http://www.smbc-comics.com/?id=2305>

Identify 2 panels that seem to show a strength of utilitarian theory.

Identify 2 panels that seem to show a weakness of utilitarian theory.

Identify an argument one could make, based on this comic strip. Identify the conclusion and its premises as seen in the panels.

Transcribe this argument into written form.

Name:

Date:

Title of Reading:

Author/Source:

1. In your own words, summarize four (4) of the most salient ideas from the reading in robust paragraphs.

a)

b)

c)

d)

2. Provide one quote from the reading that you feel captures its essence or is otherwise exceptionally memorable.

3. Provide one question for discussion or further clarification.