Requirements:

The term paper should be 5 pages typed and double-spaced in Times New

Roman (or equivalent) 12-point font. Longer is fine, but shorter is not.

Do not mess around with margins. Do not even think of plagiarizing! Staple the paper once in the upper left-hand corner.

No title pages, covers, or other excess baggage.

Your name should be on the first page only.

No running headers with your name on subsequent pages.

Do a good job—this counts for 20% of your grade. Spelling, punctuation, clarity, and style all count.

This is not a research paper, and so you are not expected to do any outside reading or cite any sources. When you quote from *A Fragile Life* be sure to give page numbers parenthetically in the text.

Due Dates: If you write the paper early you may give the professor a rough draft, but be

prepared to do some work in revising it. Don’t expect the professor to fix everything that is

wrong with your term paper. You can’t bring a broken-down Chevy to a mechanic and expect a

brand-new Porsche when you return. It is highly recommended to take your paper to the writing

center prior to submission. Drafts are NOT required but will be accepted until April 17. After

April 17, the instructor will look at drafts only during scheduled office hours.

Papers are due in class on April 29. A hard copy is due in class AND an electronic copy is due on the same date.

Please send a Word document as an e-mail attachment. Late papers will be penalized 10 points

per calendar day.

**Questions/Issues to Consider**

\*You do not need to answer all of these questions in your paper. But after reading the book you

should be able to answer these questions.

* What does May mean by “invulnerabilism”?
* What does May mean by “vulnerabilism”?
* What are projects? What are ground projects or central projects?
* How is Buddhism a philosophy of “invulnerabilism”?
* How is Taoism a philosophy of “invulnerabilism”?
* How is stoicism a philosophy of “invulnerabilism”?
* How is Epicureanism a philosophy of “invulnerabilism”? How is it not?
* In rejecting “invulnerabilism” what does May say about politics, death, failure, and loss?
* How does May distinguish between acceptance and affirmation?
* How does May distinguish between Small Matters and Large Matters?
* What does May say about acceptance and vulnerabilism? What does May say about acceptance
* and invulnerabilism?