

The Speluncean Explorers

No in person class tonight. Do this activity individually or in small groups. Bring the answers to class on Oct 28. We will read the answers and have a discussion in class.

Read the case of the Speluncean Explorers: <https://turtletalk.files.wordpress.com/2012/08/the-speluncean-explorers.pdf>



Answer the following questions/tasks by using theories, concepts, and readings actually discussed in class. No outside ideas, concepts, or sources may be used.

- 1) What is the legal rule at issue?
- 2) Suppose you are Umberto Eco. How could you interpret the legal rule? Why? What interpretations of the law would you not accept? Why?
- 3) Suppose you are Richard Rorty. How could you interpret the legal rule? Why? What interpretations of the law would you not accept? Why?
- 4) Choose one of the following philosophers: Plato, Aristotle, or Kant. Write your judicial opinion based on the facts and law in the case (not on current Canadian Law) as if you were your selected philosopher. Address whether the defendants should be convicted of murder and, if so, if they should be executed.

- 5) Suppose you are Donald Black. Write your prediction of the outcome of the case as if you were Donald Black. Address whether the defendants will be convicted of murder and, if so, if they will be executed.