BACKGROUND: The free-floating subdivision –Philosophy is used under topical headings and names of individual persons, except philosophers.   This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning the subdivision –Philosophy.

1. Disciplines.   Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Philosophy** under fields of knowledge for works on the basic theory or principles of those disciplines, for example, **Science–Philosophy**.

Do not assign headings of this type to works on special subtopics within the discipline of philosophy.   Use instead headings of the type *[topic]* **(Philosophy)** for these topics, for example, **Meaning (Philosophy)**.

2. Nationality, ethnic, and religious groups.   Assign a heading of the type **Philosophy, [*adjectival qualifier*]** for works on the philosophy developed by nationality and ethnic groups. *Examples:*

> Philosophy, American
> Philosophy, Igbo

Assign a heading of the type **[*Religion*] philosophy** for works on the philosophy developed by religious groups.   *Examples:*

> Buddhist philosophy
> Hindu philosophy

> *Note:* Headings of the type **Philosophy, [*religious qualifier*]** were revised in 2009 and are now established in uninverted form.

Do not assign a heading of the type **[*name of group*]–Philosophy** for these groups of people. The subdivision **–Philosophy** was discontinued under groups of Indians in 1994.

For ethnic groups in the United States and Indian groups, headings are established in uninverted form, for example, **African American philosophy**; **Hopi philosophy**.

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3. Individual persons.   Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Philosophy** under names of individual persons for works on the individual's own philosophy.

Do not, however, use the subdivision **–Philosophy** under names of individual philosophers. For general works on the thought of a philosopher, assign the name heading for the person without subdivision.