The four Pauper prompts:
1. Assess the statutory interpretation methods/theories applied by Majority and Dissent. What is the best intentionalist interpretation of the statute?
2. Does the statute create (or correct) moral hazard and principal/agent problems?
3. Would giving fathers a veto over surrender/adoption grow the social surplus?
4. To what extent does Phillip Becker help us normatively assess the surrender of disabled infants under the statute?

Since #1 is review, we’ll begin with #2, then #3, then #4, then #1. If we don’t get to #1 today, please read the sample answer (posted today to Secure Documents) and let me know if you have any questions.

HALFWAY POINT OF SEMESTER: SUGGESTIONS ABOUT STUDYING.
• The nine exercises are just like final exam questions; indeed, many of them were LL&V final exam questions. The best way to prepare for the final exam is to PRACTICE APPLYING YOUR CAPACITIES, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILLS TO FACT PATTERNS.
• After our class discussion of each exercise, be sure to read the sample answer (posted to Secure Documents). As you compare your answer to the sample answer, ask yourself:
  o Are there any issues I didn’t spot when I prepared the exercise?
  o Did I see and state the strongest reasons on both sides of the hard issues?
  o Where the call of the question asks for it, did I state my conclusions?
Don’t worry about writing style. I wrote the sample answers, so they reflect my writing style. You can write an outstanding answer that is expressed in a quite different prose style.
• In all of the LL&V exercises, as in the LL&V final exam (which the exercises simulate), the quality of your answer does not depend on whether you rule for plaintiff or defendant, that is, on which side wins under your analysis. If the call of the question asks for conclusions, the sample answer will state conclusions; but the quality of your own work does not depend on whether you reached the same conclusions as the sample answer.
• Sometimes students devote too much of their study time to outlining and not enough to application practice. In LL&V, you don’t need to do much (if any) outlining. Your course materials and the handouts (including the Collated Handouts) supply all or most of the outlines that you need. The Collated Handouts and in-class handouts are downloadable as PDFs on the course website, so they are fully searchable.
• Use office hours as a time for following up, after you compare your exercise answers to the posted sample answers. Office hours are posted on the course webpage, http://weblaw.usc.edu/users/rgaret/llv.html, and on p. 1 of the hard copy Syllabus.
• Look at the contents of the Review Resources box (near the top of the course webpage, and at p. 3 of the hard copy Syllabus). More practice questions and sample answers, including the 2014 final exam and sample answers, are downloadable there.