

"The Allegory of the Cave" by Plato

Assignment Objective and Criteria

Read Plato's "The Allegory of the Cave" (pages 11-12 in your textbook) and think about the meaning that might be drawn from the story. An allegory uses symbols to convey a hidden meaning or message. As you read the story, think about what the symbols like "cave", "prisoner", "shadows" and "fire" really represent.

After reading the allegory, your task is to discuss its hidden meaning in a 250-300 word report. As you read, think about how the story **applies to the following categories: philosophy (education), to society and to you.** Remember: expressing yourself clearly and concisely is an important skill so stay within the word limit. In order to be successful, you need to explain **how the story relates to modern life by giving specific examples about what the symbols really represent in the above three categories.**

Citation

Throughout this course you will be required to use the Chicago Style format when citing your sources.

Marking Scheme

Knowledge and Understanding

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- Student effectively communicates the hidden meaning of the story

Thinking and Inquiry

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- Student moves **beyond** summarization and effectively explains the meaning of the symbols and the overall message of the story

Communication

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- Essay is persuasively written, logically argued and free of grammatical errors

Application

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- Student effectively uses examples to explain the story's meaning as it relates to modern life and to the study of philosophy

Due Date