

## ENG 1213: Plato

### *The Cave and Society Today*



#### READINGS

- Plato, "Allegory of the Cave"
- [Class Lecture Notes](#)
- [Video Lectures on Plato](#)

#### DUE

October 26, Monday, midnight, submitted in the ASSIGNMENT area of WebCT.

**Your paper must be at least 3 pages (@ 750 words).**

**THIS ASSIGNMENT IS WORTH 100 POINTS.**

#### **Remember**

- use Standard Academic English with strong verbs and specific words to convey your meaning.
- follow page format guidelines and proper MLA documentation



#### **ADDITIONAL**

You may make an appointment with me (or email me) at any phase of your assignment to discuss any ideas or problems you may be having. I am more than willing to look at drafts at any stage of development.

Please consult the information in your syllabus about scheduling appointments in order to do so. You may also schedule an appointment in SSC's Student Success Center with a writing tutor to gain valuable feedback on your draft.



#### GUIDELINES

You must use and analyze Plato's "Allegory of the Cave" in your essay discussion, answering the question: **What aspect(s) of Plato's "Allegory of the Cave" relevant today? Which are not?**

Writing this paper is easier if you target a specific audience where you can see clearly how it might benefit from Plato's teachings or how it might not.

#### RESEARCH

You **HAVE** to incorporate at least **ONE** other source that you have found yourself. Of course, you should also draw on your own experience, observation, common sense, and common knowledge. When approaching the topic, you may take on Plato's concept as a whole (the progression out of the cave into light, etc.), or you may focus on a specific issue (e.g., the responsibility we owe to all citizens in society, who will make the best rulers, etc.). Students must **follow M.L.A. documentation rules** when citing from outside sources, which your *QA Compact* clearly addresses. If you have any further questions, please consult with me.



#### BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The essay should have a **minimum of 3 body paragraphs**. You must support your position with at least three well-developed and well-supported claims. These main discussion points will become the topics of your body. **In your thesis statement, you must make your position clear with a clearly defined subject and attitude.**

You **must** cite Plato throughout your paper (quotations and/or summaries), using **parenthetical notation** and **works cited entries**. It is important to bring each point you make back to something that Plato says in the allegory. Show us how it links up.

#### Work Cited Entry

If you are using the version of "Allegory of the Cave" I provide as a **PDF** file, please cite it as a web source from this site: <http://www.historyguide.org/intellect/allegory.html>. If you use the version in our anthology simply cite it as one work from an anthology.