

**Free Minds Project
Fall 2013 Essay**

In Book II of the *Republic*, Socrates introduces the “one person, one work” principle: “Each person does one thing for which he is naturally suited, at the right time” (370c). This principle is the foundation for the city’s tripartite structure. All of the city’s institutions are designed to ensure that all people are given the right jobs for their nature.

For this essay, you should answer this question: How does the principle of “one person, one work” and the ideal city that is founded upon that principle lead inevitably to justice?

Here are some questions you might consider in drafting your answer:

- How does Socrates define justice (so far)?
- How does Socrates structure the city?
- How is the city’s structure maintained and upheld?
- What happens to the city when people violate the principle of “one person, one work”?

In answering the question, you might consider the following:

- The city’s government
- The city’s educational system
- Socrates’ ideas about “good” inequality versus “bad” inequality
- Socrates’ ideas about happiness

A good paper will likely discuss at least two and perhaps three different aspects of the city (as discussed in Books I through V) that help create a system of justice.

Instructions

You will write two drafts of the essay that address the essay question. The final draft will be a minimum of 750 words (about 3 pages) long.

First Draft

Due Monday, September 30

Your first draft will include a clearly written statement of your argument and one body paragraph that includes the following:

- A sentence stating the point or argument of the paragraph
- A detailed example that illustrates the point/argument
- An explanation of how the example supports or relates to the paper’s argument

Your first draft, like all your drafts, is mandatory. I will only include comments on it (not a grade), but if you do not turn it in I will drop the grade that I will give you on your final draft by

a full letter grade.

Second Draft

Due Monday, November 4

Your second draft will be a complete draft of the paper, containing the following:

- An introduction with a sentence stating the paper's argument
- Body paragraphs, each with a clear point, an example that includes at least one quotation from the text, and explanation of the example/quote
- A conclusion

Final Draft

Due Monday, November 18

In your final draft, you will revise what you have written earlier, based on my suggestions, meetings that you've had about your work, and class revision exercises that we have worked on together. All quotes need to be properly formatted and cited, according to MLA style guidelines. See *They Say/I Say* for help with quotations, especially the section on the "The Art of Quoting."

Formatting Guidelines

- Essays must be typed and double-spaced
- Font: 12 pt Times or Times Roman (or something close to that)
- Length of Final Draft: ~~4 to 5 pages~~ **3 pages**

In the upper left-hand corner of each draft, please write your name, the date on which you turned in the draft, and "Free Minds Fall 2013 Essay Draft" for the first draft, "Free Minds Fall 2013 Essay Draft 2" for the second draft, and "Free Minds Fall 2013 Essay" for the final draft. When you submit your final draft, attach your first two drafts (with my comments).

Late Paper Policy

I will accept late papers, but each late draft will result in a deduction of one letter grade.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is any use of another writer's words without giving that writer proper credit. Here are some common examples of plagiarism:

- Copying and pasting work from a website such as Wikipedia (or any website) directly into a paper without identifying the source with quotation marks and a citation.
- Borrowing a sentence or long phrase from another writer or website without identifying the author and source with quotation marks and a citation.
- Submitting a paper written by someone else.

This type of plagiarism is not tolerated. If you have questions about how to incorporate the words of another writer into your paper, ask me (Michael) and I will be glad to help you figure it out.