

PHILOSOPHY HOMEWORK

For Mr. Smith's

6th Grade Philosophy

Due: Thu 4.25 / Fri 4.26

In journal

1.) Read Ch 5 & 6 of THE ODYSSEY (Puffin Classics). (20 minutes)

Please read Ch 5 and 6 of the Odyssey.

2.) Answer The Odyssey questions in the journal. (15 minutes)

CHAPTER 5: 1.) How long did Odysseus stay on Circe's island? 2.) How did Elpenor beat the crew to the Underworld? 3.) What information does Odysseus' mother give him? 4.) Who is Teiresias and what does he advise about the Sun God's cattle?

CHAPTER 6: 1.) What happened to Elpenor's soul? 2.) Why did Odysseus put the wax Circe gave him in his ears? 3.) What do the Sirens look like in their real forms? 4.) DRAW a top-down blueprint/picture of Charybdis and Scylla, showing their perilous trap for passing ships.

3.) Read and Respond to one of Aesop's fables: (10 minutes)

Below, you will find one of Aesop's most famous fables. You are to do the following with it:

- 1.) Read it,
- 2.) Identify the **moral of the story**, and
- 3.) Write about a time in your life (or another's life) where this moral applies really well. If you don't know any real stories, can you imagine a real situation that fits the moral?

The Eagle & the Kite

An Eagle sat high in the branches of a great Oak. She seemed very sad and drooping for an Eagle. A Kite saw her.

"Why do you look so woebegone?" asked the Kite.

"I want to get married," replied the Eagle, "and I can't find a mate who can provide for me as I should like."

"Take me," said the Kite; "I am very strong, stronger even than you!"

"Do you really think you can provide for me?" asked the Eagle eagerly.

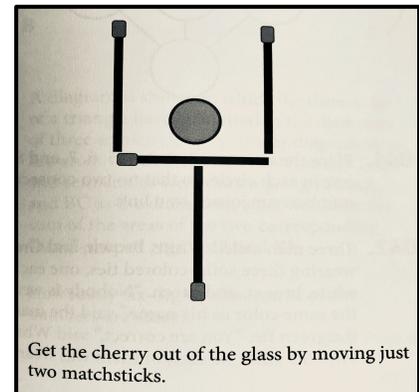
"Why, of course," replied the Kite. "That would be a very simple matter. I am so strong I can carry away an Ostrich in my talons as if it were a feather!"

The Eagle accepted the Kite immediately. But after the wedding, when the Kite flew away to find something to eat for his bride, all he had when he returned, was a tiny Mouse.

"Is that the Ostrich you talked about?" said the Eagle in disgust.

"To win you I would have said and promised anything," replied the Kite.

Logic Puzzle 5



Logic Puzzle 6

A lily in a pond doubles in size every day. It covers the pond completely in thirty days. How many days does it take to cover exactly half of the pond?

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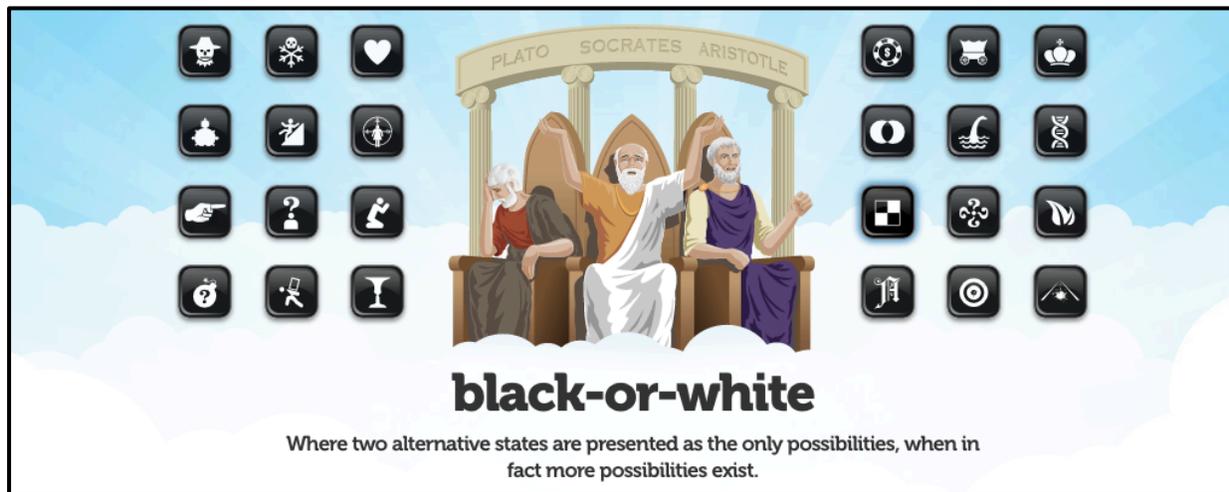
Due: Tue 5.14 / Wed 5.15
Presentation

Logical Fallacy Presentation

You have been assigned a Logical Fallacy that you must present to the rest of the class for 3-5 minutes. You may use Powerpoint if you have a USB to bring to Mr. Smith, or you may use the board, do a skit, or simply talk to the class.

You will need to:

- 1.) Research this fallacy and come to understand it,*
- 2.) Both find an example of an argument that foolishly relies on this fallacy **and invent at least one of your own**, and*
- 3.) Teach your fellow classmates how this fallacy works so that they understand it well enough to explain it themselves on an upcoming Logical Fallacy quiz.*



Resources

There are multiple ways to learn about your Logical Fallacy:

- 1.) The poster near Mr. Smith's desk in Mod 3,*
- 2.) Asking Mr. Smith to help explain it outside of class time,*
- 3.) The related website at: <https://yourlogicalfallacyis.com>*
- 4.) Another website with tons of fallacies at:
[Http://utminers.utep.edu/omwilliamson/
ENGL1311/fallacies.htm](http://utminers.utep.edu/omwilliamson/ENGL1311/fallacies.htm)*
- 5.) Even Wikipedia has tons of the Logical Fallacies:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_fallacies*