

A. Justice and Government: Plato and Martin Luther King Jr.

1. Plato

a. The Apology

i. Politics and Politicians

1. What does it require (apparently)?

ii. Relationship:

1. Citizen-State

2. Knowledge and Power

i. What is knowledge?

b. Socrates and current government

c. Current politicians/Authority

3. Soul-Knowledge-Power

b. The Crito

i. Relationship

1. Citizen-State

a. Citizen behavior

i. What should a citizen do?

1. Arguments—form and instance

2. Disobedience/Obedience

a. Justified?

b. Irony?

c. “Letter from Birmingham Jail” by Martin Luther King → Civil Disobedience

i. Claim

1. Socrates and Civil Disobedience

ii. Why is he there?

1. Relationship to Crito

iii. Relationship

1. Citizen-State → citizen’s responsibility and state’s responsibility

a. Disobedience → When is it justified?

i. Argument for justification (Socrates’ arguments)

ii. Steps to find solution (similarities with Socrates’ argument)

iii. Non-violent direct action (definition)

iv. Reference to Socrates:

1. Similarities and Differences

a. Tension

b. Knowledge

c. Consequences

d. Goal

e. Strategies

f. Base beliefs

i. Relationship to laws

- ii. Just or unjust? Is it important?
- iii. Definition

2. Essay: Plato, Martin Luther King and Civil Disobedience

- a. Prompt + Justification

3. Gorgias: Knowledge

- a. Relationship (*Meno 77b-78b*)
 - i. Knowledge → Virtue
 - ii. Ignorance → Vicious
 - iii. Evil
 - iv. Doing what you want vs. doing what you see fit
 - 1. Tyrant--example
 - 2. Difference
 - a. good
 - 3. Power
 - 4. Knowledge
- b. Flattery v. Techne (crafts) → knowledge/power
 - i. 4-Part Scheme
 - ii. Compare and Contrast
 - 1. Guessing v. Knowing
 - a. Truth v. Appearance
 - 2. Pleasant v. Good
 - 3. Nature
 - 4. Treatment of Soul
 - iii. Politics v. Oratory
 - iv. Role of the Soul

4. Meno and Phaedo: Soul and Forms

- a. Knowledge and Public Affairs
 - i. Knowledge v. True opinion → directs action correctly/ Good
 - ii. Current situation
 - iii. Ideal situation
- b. Theory of Recollection
 - i. Soul → characteristics (*Phaedo 78 on*)
 - 1. Basis for recollection
 - ii. Forms → role (*Phaedo 74/78 on*)
 - 1. Reality
 - 2. Particulars v. Form (the same?)
 - a. "The Equal" v. Equal Things
 - b. How do we know they are equal?
 - 3. Change
 - 4. Senses v. Reason----Body v. Soul
 - a. Perception
 - b. Soul-Body relationship → senses

- i. Ruler v. Ruled
- ii. Divine v. Mortal
- iii. Types of investigation
 - 1. Wisdom
 - 2. Philosophy → divine (*Phaedo 82e on*)
- iv. The Republic VI (*507 d on*) → Allegory of the Line
 - 1. The Good
 - a. Truth and Knowledge
 - b. Process toward knowledge

- iii. Knowledge
 - 1. Define
 - a. Wisdom
 - 2. How to obtain it?
 - a. Learning

- 5. The Republic
 - a. Book I: Justice
 - i.