

Unit 13 - Classwork 2: The *Republic* (Book VII)

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In order to answer the following questions, read Book 7 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία) on pages 11–17 in Unit 13.

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1. Socrates and Glaucon discussed the Allegory of the Cave.
 - (i) According to them, what is so painful about leaving the cave?
 - (ii) According to them, is it worth it to leave the cave? Why or why not? Explain.
 - (iii) According to them, would any of the prisoners ever want to be freed or liberated from their imprisonment in the cave? Why or why not? Explain.
 - (iv) According to Socrates, if someone has left the cave, should they ever return to the cave? Why or why not? Explain.
2. According to Socrates, what are two reasons why someone would be temporarily blind?
 - (i) _____
 - (ii) _____

3. In the Allegory of the Cave, Socrates illustrated the Analogy of the Divided Line.

(i) What does the cave represent?

(ii) In the cave, what do the puppets represent?

(iii) In the cave, what does the fire represent?

(iv) What does everywhere outside of the cave represent?

(v) Outside of the cave, what does the sun represent?

4. According to Socrates, why would the best-governed city be governed by philosophers?

5. According to Socrates, a philosophical education covers which seven subjects?

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(ii) _____

(iii) _____

(iv) _____

(v) _____

(vi) _____

(vii) _____