

Unit 13 - Homework : The *Republic* (Books VIII & IX) – The City-Soul Analogy
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In order to answer the following questions, read Book 8 & Book 9 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία) on pages 17–38 in Unit 13.

1. According to Glaucon, why did he and Socrates want to be able to distinguish between the just city and the unjust city?
2. Socrates described five different kinds of city.
 - (i) According to Socrates, there is only one kind of just city, but there are two names for it (depending on how many rulers it has), as Socrates mentioned at the very end of Book 4 of Plato's *Republic*, which can be found on page 35 of Unit 12.
 - (a) According to Socrates, if a just city has *only one* ruler, then what is the city's political system called?
 - (b) According to Socrates, if a just city has *more than one* ruler, then what is the city's political system called?
 - (ii) According to Socrates, what is the *least* unjust kind of city?
(State both of the names he gives for that kind of political system.)
 - (iii) According to Socrates, what is the *second least* unjust kind of city?
 - (iv) According to Socrates, what is the *most* unjust kind of city?
 - (v) According to Socrates, what is the *second most* unjust kind of city?

3. OPINION: Think about how Socrates ranked the five different political systems. Is there anything surprising to you about how he ranked them? Why or why not? Explain.

4. The City -

(i) According to Socrates, how does a just city become an unjust city?

(ii) According to Socrates, how does a timocracy become an oligarchy?

(iii) According to Socrates, how does an oligarchy become a democracy?

(iv) According to Socrates, how does a democracy become a tyranny?

5. The Soul -

- (i) According to Socrates, how does a just soul become an unjust soul?
Advice: Wait for the teacher to explain this, because it involves a careful inference on the basis of the city-soul analogy, provided what Socrates thought about how a just city would cease to be so.
- (ii) According to Socrates, how does a timocratic soul become an oligarchical soul?
- (iii) According to Socrates, how does an oligarchical soul become a democratic soul?
- (iv) According to Socrates, how does a democratic soul become a tyrannical soul?