

Chapter 13 - Assignment 2: Plato's *Thrasymachus* Dialogue

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Originally a short dialogue about the cardinal virtue of justice, Plato's *Thrasymachus* dialogue later became Book 1 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία) dialogue. In order to answer the following questions, read Plato's *Thrasymachus* dialogue on pages 4–7 in Chapter 13.

1. Socrates asked the old man Cephalus of Syracuse to say what justice *is*.

(i) According to Cephalus, what *is* justice?

(ii) Why did Socrates believe that Cephalus had *misdefined* justice?

2. Cephalus then invited his son Polemarchus to help him tell Socrates what justice is.

(i) According to Polemarchus, what is justice?

(ii) According to Socrates, if justice always leads to only good things, then why is Polemarchus mistaken about what justice is?

