

Chapter 13 - Assignment 2: The *Republic* (Book II)

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In order to answer the following questions, read Book 2 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία) on pages 8–13 in Chapter 13.

1. Why did Glaucon mention the Ring of Gyges? (What was Glaucon wondering?)

2. According to Socrates, *justice* is only ever *good*, and *injustice* is only ever *bad*.

(i) According to Socrates, what's so *good* about *justice*?

(ii) According to Socrates, what's so *bad* about *injustice*?

3. In order to help him explain what justice is, what analogy did Socrates decide to make?

4. As part of his analogy, Socrates was trying to find ethics in a city [or *polis* (πόλις)].

(i) In the city, which *virtue* was he trying to find?

(ii) The *opposite* of virtue is *vice*. In the city, which *vice* was Socrates trying to find?

