

Chapter 14 - Assignment 1: The *Republic* (Book VI) – [1]

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In order to answer the following questions, read Book 6 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία) on pages 1–5 in Chapter 14.

1. According to Socrates, why should every political guardian be a philosopher?

2. According to Socrates, why are philosophers virtuous?

3. According to Socrates, what is harmful about the sophists?

4. According to Socrates, both *nature* and *nurture* explain why philosophers are so rare.

(i) According to Socrates, what role does *nature* play in whether or not someone can become a philosopher?

(ii) According to Socrates, what roles does *nurture* play in whether or not someone can become a philosopher? (Note: State at least two roles that nurture plays.)

5. According to Socrates, what is greater than the cardinal virtues?

