

**Chapter 14 - Assignment 4: The *Republic* (Book VIII) — [1]**

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In order to answer the following questions, read Book 8 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία) on pages 17–23 in Chapter 14.

1. Socrates classified five different kinds of city.

(i) According to Socrates, what is the only kind of *just* city?  
(See page 18 in Chapter 14.)

(ii) According to Socrates, if the just city has only one guardian, then what kind of city is it? (Review page 35 in Chapter 13.)

(iii) According to Socrates, what are the four different kinds of *unjust* city?  
(See page 18 in Chapter 14.)

2. Socrates described the difference between aristocracy and timocracy/timarchy. (See pages 18–20 in Chapter 14.)

(i) According to Socrates, what kind of person must an aristocrat be?

(ii) According to Socrates, what kind of person must a timocrat be?

(iii) How did Socrates describe the three parts of the timocratic soul?

(iv) According to Socrates, what is *unjust* about the timocratic soul?  
[Hint: Think about how he defined justice (back in Book 4).]

3. Socrates discussed how every timocracy becomes an oligarchy.  
(See page 21 in Chapter 14.)

(i) According to Socrates, what are two kinds of things that are honored in a timocracy?

(ii) According to Socrates, what is the only thing that is honored in an oligarchy?

(iii) According to Socrates, what kind of person must an oligarch be?

(iv) How did Socrates describe the three parts of the oligarchical soul?

(v) According to Socrates, what is unjust about the oligarchical soul?  
[Hint: Think about how he defined justice (back in Book 4).]

4. According to Socrates, how are the oligarchical soul and the democratic soul different? (See page 22 in Chapter 14.)

5. According to Socrates, why do the people of a democracy always eventually choose someone to be their protector? (See page 23 in Chapter 14.)