

Chapter 32 - Assignment 5: Aristotle's *Eudemian Ethics*, Book 1, Chapter 5

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To answer the following questions, read pages 4—5 in Chapter 32.

1. On whether or not a life is worth living, Aristotle considered pleasure and pain.
 - (i) According to Aristotle, why might someone prefer death over a painful life?

 - (ii) According to Aristotle, if a painless life is a life is *also* a life without pleasure, then is that life worth living?

 - (iii) According to Aristotle, is a painless life with only *one* kind of pleasure a life worth living?

2. On whether or not a life is worth living, Aristotle compared different kinds of lives.
 - (i) According to Aristotle, how would a human's life be no better than the life of a beast or the life of a plant?

 - (ii) According to Aristotle, why does no adult desire the life of a child?

3. According to Aristotle, why did Anaxagoras think that it's always better to be born than not to be born?

9. Aristotle made a key distinction between *knowing what virtue is* and *knowing how to be virtuous*.

(i) According to Aristotle, what about virtue did Socrates investigate?

(ii) According to Aristotle, what about virtue did Socrates *not* investigate?

10. Between knowing *what virtue is* and knowing *how to be virtuous*, consider which Aristotle thought is the better one of the two.

(i) Between knowing *what virtue is* and knowing *how to be virtuous*, which did Aristotle think is better?

(ii) Between knowing *what courage is* and knowing *how to be courageous*, which did Aristotle think is better?

(iii) Between knowing *what temperance is* and knowing *how to be temperate*, which did Aristotle think is better?

(iv) Between knowing *what justice is* and knowing *how to be just*, which did Aristotle think is better?

(v) Between knowing *what wisdom is* and knowing *how to be wise*, which did Aristotle think is better?