

Plato's Republic

Do now:

- 1) Determine who is the tallest person in this room:
  
- 2) Determine who is the smartest person in this room:

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Objective or Subjective:

(nondiscriminatory **or** nonemotional, based off of a set criteria)

(Based on inner experience or emotion rather than testable facts)

Do Now:

Please come up with an example of each.

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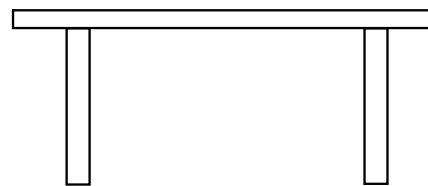
Is earning a perfect score in a game of bowling objective?

Is being the most beautiful person in the school/city/state/nation/world objective?

What about being the tallest person in the class? Objective or subjective?

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Plato's "Idea"



Plato's Theory of Forms

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Use table and desk at rear of room to demonstrate

Analysis: "If a table has **more** tableness and a desk has **less** tableness, there must be **most** tableness.

In other words, there must be the "ideal" table.

Anyone disagree? Consider this:

The construction of the table?

Its purpose?

Conditions for its use (setting, weather, etc.).

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According to Plato...

Wisdom, like beauty, is not subjective but objective.

In other words, it can be measured.

The person closest to the ideal wisdom is the wisest - objectively.

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Discussion Questions:

1) Would you sell me your right to vote for 1 million dollars? Why?

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Plato saw governance as a SKILL

Would any one make a good artist?

Would the captain of a ship have the passengers vote on what to do in a storm?

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The Philosopher Kings: Those who are considered the wisest and most philosophically fit to rule a nation. The ideal ruler.

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Plato beleived the wisest would be the Philosopher King.

With the help of guardians, they would identify the wisest children (boys AND girls!) to be raised as guardians.

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Discussion Questions:

2) Is there such a thing as a noble lie, and if so, when would a noble lie be justified?

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Discussion Questions:

3) According to Plato, who is best suited to govern and why?

4) Do you see any connections with our current form of government in the USA?

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