

ENG 1213 Online: Plato's "Allegory of the Cave" in Context



DUE

- October 14 (midnight), posted to Discussion Board under "Plato in Context"
- Respond to 1 other post by October 15, midnight



READINGS

- Plato, "Allegory of the Cave"
- [Class Lecture Notes](#)
- [Video Lectures on Plato](#)

THIS ASSIGNMENT IS WORTH 15 POINTS.



GUIDELINES

For the essay in this unit, you must answer the question:

What aspect(s) of Plato's "Allegory of the Cave" relevant today? Which are not?

To help each other get started, please find 3 contexts where you see people imprisoned in a cave of darkness and/or any other context that you can draw a link to Plato's "Allegory of the Cave." Write a short paragraph that describes the context, the people involved, and what this connects to in Plato's "Allegory of the Cave." Try to connect your previous discussion in "Plato and Relativism" to this.

Example

People who won't support President Obama only because he's black, not necessarily because of any other disagreement with his politics or policies. These people live in a prison of prejudice. If they do become aware of their prejudice and change, then they often must face the painful realization of how they have hurt others, and they may also face disapproval from family and friends who still are prejudiced. Plato would say we must always do what is good, which he equates with morality. No matter what the consequences, we should always take the high road for this is the only path to spiritual and intellectual enlightenment.