

Introduction to Philosophy

Extra Credit #12: Plato's Cave

Due Date

Tuesday, December 13th, at the beginning of class.

Late extra credit assignments will *not* be accepted unless you and I agree on a reasonable accommodation *prior* to this due date.

Instructions

Your write-up should be 250–300 words in length and conform to the course's "General Technical Requirements for Formatting Papers". This should be submitted as a computer-type-written hardcopy directly to me.

This extra credit assignment has you listen to a podcast, available on the course website, and do a short write-up addressing some questions about it.

Topic

Listen to the *Philosophy Bites* episode with Simon Blackburn discussing Plato's allegory of the cave, and answer the following questions.

Questions

1. According to Simon Blackburn, what is the meaning and significance of the Allegory of the Cave? What three interpretations does Blackburn give for the allegory?
2. What do you think of Blackburn's analysis? Do you believe that this story has relevance for non-philosophers?