

The Greeks III: Exercise Four

You have read Plato's The Republic. Congratulations. This work contains, among other things, discussion of the soul and its connection to the body and good and evil. **Write an essay of four paragraphs discussing Plato's view of the soul regarding issues like good and evil and the connection of the soul to the body. These are fundamental to all of western philosophy and to Christianity through Paul and other Church fathers.** In doing this, explain what Plato says about these issues in The Republic and how you interpret Socrates's ideas about this topic.

*In your introduction, begin, as always, by defining terms. Introduce your topic, the works in question and provide a framework for your essay. Be sure to close this paragraph with a thesis statement, a single sentence that lays out clearly the main point of your essay.

*In the first body paragraph, discuss the author's view of good and evil in relation to the soul. Be sure to back up your statements with quotations (and notes) from the text and your own explanations. Be explicit in connecting your quotations to the point you are making. Sum up your paragraph at the end.

*In the second body paragraph, discuss the author's view of the connection of the soul to the body. Be sure to back up your statements with quotations (and notes) from the text and your own explanations. Be explicit in connecting your quotations to the point you are making. Sum up your paragraph at the end.

*In your concluding paragraph, summarize Plato's view of the soul on the issues mentioned above and the implications this had for his views on an afterlife, justice and virtue.

Schedule: Due Thursday, May 1

Revision Due: Monday, May 12