

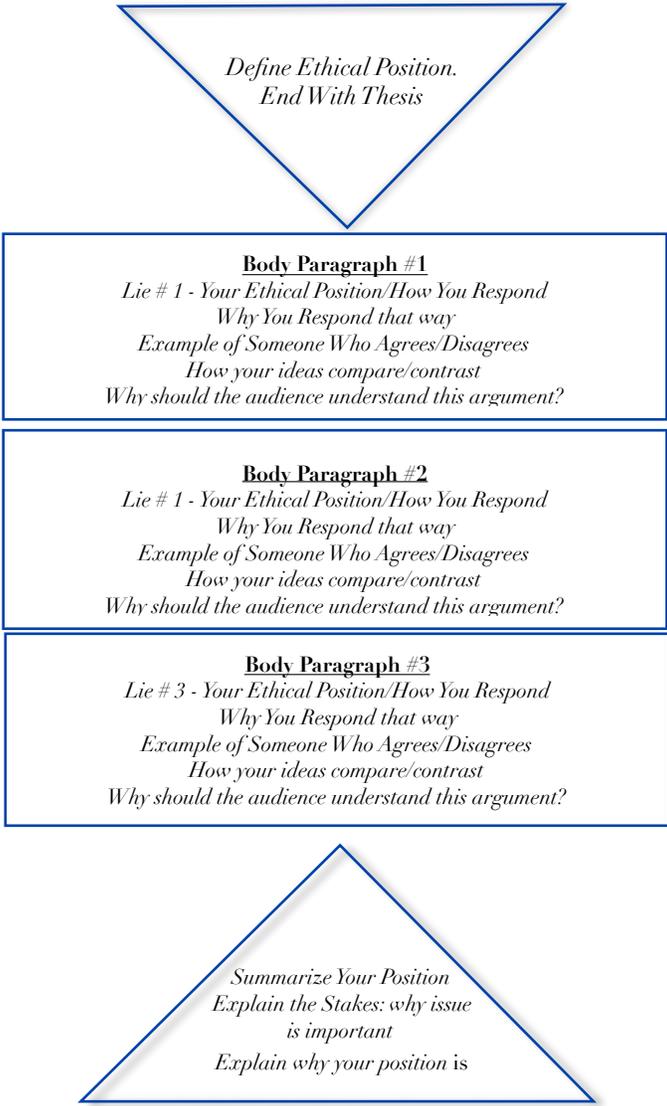


PURPOSE:

To establish an understanding of argumentation using Plato's Allegory of the Cave and texts use in class to create an academic conversation.

ASSIGNMENT:

Plato says the lowest level of understanding is human opinion because it is based on nothing other than personal experience. Below, you will a prompt. In this paper, you will write an EXPOSITORY ESSAY that develops your opinions using Philosophers (*Is It Ever Permissible to Lie?* - Clancy Martin), The Matrix, and Plato's Cave. The essay should match the following pattern:



PROMPT:

Who Is Lying to You?

Life is a cave, Plato argues, with most people imprisoned by Guardians. In the story, he gives 8 STEPS to Enlightenment. In this paper, talk about your journey through the cave (your path to personal enlightenment), the lies you have been told along the way, and how your personal Decision Making Model is the right way to navigate these obstacles?

FOCAL POINTS: (BASIS FOR YOUR GRADE)

1. **SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY** Please use Google Docs and please submit to mrthomas2@me.com (push share button in upper right hand corner)
2. **Organization** Make sure your paragraph follows your thesis
3. **Multiple Voices** Should have several voices from class to answer your questions. Those voices should, at times, confirm your beliefs, and, at others, disagree.
4. **Citations:** you need to include actual citations/quotations from the different stories. There are three different ways, and there should be one of each throughout the paper.

Formal Citations — Title, Context, Quotation, Citations

According to Morpheus, in The Matrix when he gives Neo the option to take the two pills, "life, as you know it, will never be the same, and you can never return." (The Matrix)

Paraphrase — Summary of a Large Scene or the Section of the Book, citation

Morpheus challenges Neo about whether he wants to live in the world or see reality (The Matrix)

Embedded: Summary with essential quote attached, citation.

Morpheus knows Neo is not equipped to understand reality and he moves him to a place "he will never come back." (The Matrix)