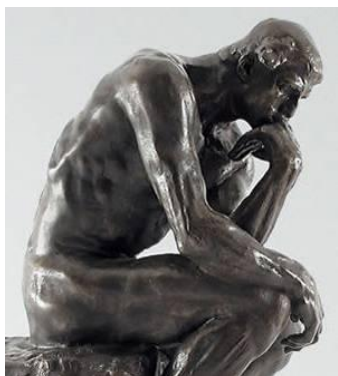


Introduction to Philosophy



This class will introduce students to various philosophers and philosophical concepts. We will study Philosophy chronologically starting with the Ancient Greeks, working through the twentieth-century existentialists, and into modern philosophy. It is the aim of this class to provide a traditional foundation in Philosophy while allowing also for the exploration of our own ideas while also emphasizing the ability to think critically.

Class Expectations:

- To Have an Open Mind: This class will present ideas with which not everyone will agree. It is our job to critically look at ideas and discuss them in a mature and civil fashion.
- Participation: This will be a discussion-based class. Your participation and attendance will be required.
- Responsibility: It is your responsibility to keep up with the reading and assignments. Likewise if you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed.
- Honesty: Plagiarism will *not* be tolerated in any form.

- Timeliness: I expect assignments to be turned in on time.

Materials Needed:

- Writing Utensil
- Paper
- Folder/Notebook/Binder – just for this class
- Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder

Grades:

- Reading Quizzes: 20%
- Weekly position papers and participation in quarterly dialogue: 20%
- Assessment/ Midterm: 20%
- Project: 20%
- Final Exam: 20%

A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89%

C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 50% - 59%

Contact Information:

I encourage students and parents/guardians to contact me regarding any questions or concerns. E-mail is my preferred method of communication, but I do check voice mail on a daily basis as well.

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