

Lesson Plan

Plato's *Allegory of the Cave*

OBJECTIVE

Students will be able exercise critical thinking of their own learning, addressing the motive for learning new material and the attitude necessary to gain knowledge.

Students will be able to interpret Plato's *Allegory of the Cave* by correctly answering application questions.

Students will be able to compose a reflective essay effectively deploying skills to demonstrate an understanding of the passage.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Copy of Plato's *Allegory of the Cave* (online handout available if students are utilizing technology in the classroom, via iPads, ThinkPads, or laptops)

Whiteboard/markers

Technology needed for viewing YouTube © 2014 YouTube, LLC video animation of Plato's *Allegory of the Cave* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6LUptADIww>

Grading Rubric

PROCEDURE

Introduce Plato and *The Republic*

Introduce the literary device: allegory

Read Plato's *Allegory of the Cave*

Revisit the definition of allegory

Interpret each element of the text

the teacher draws a visual of the text while probing into meaning by repeatedly asking higher order questions at the Evaluative level of learning

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Assign reflective essay

EVALUATION

Assign "Reflective Essay Assignment"