

Journal #6



How do we, as knowers,
draw the line between
sanity and insanity?
Why make this
distinction at all?

Journal #6 CR Prompt

(Climbing The Tower Reading)

What would it mean to say that behavior is caused? If behavior is caused, are we responsible for our actions?

Journal #7



Create a list of qualities that you feel are representative of human nature. Briefly explain why they make your list.

Ways of Knowing



(1) Language

(2) Sense Perception

(3) Emotion

(4) Reason



(5) Imagination

(7) Intuition

(6) Faith

(8) Memory

Journal #7 CR Prompt



How might these
qualities potentially
affect our acquisition
of knowledge?

Journal #8

(Look Twice Reading)

To what extent does
personal or
ideological bias
influence our
knowledge claims?

Journal #9

(Your Brain Lies to You Reading)

How do false beliefs persist in our minds? Why do we sometimes, in the face of evidence to the contrary, hold on to these false beliefs?

Opening Activity

(Allegory of the Cave Reading)

**In your clustered groups,
work together to create
a picture of what the
people in Plato's Cave
experience as their
"reality."**

Discussion Questions (I)

(Allegory of the Cave Reading Consideration)

- 1) What might the “Cave” represent?
- 2) How do we use sense perception and reason (and other ways of knowing) to make claims about reality?

Discussion Questions (II)

(Allegory of the Cave Reading Consideration)

*** Consider the consequences (described in the reading) when we make claims that don't agree with the majority... Why do you think this might happen?**

Journal #10

(Allegory of the Cave Reading Extended Consideration)

Does having knowledge and making knowledge claims carry any particular obligation or responsibility for the knower? Why do we share what we know?

Journal #11

(*Experience Machine* Reading)

How do we determine what is “real” in our lives? Why does the “real” matter to us?

Journal #11 CR Prompt

(*Experience Machine* Reading)

Would you choose to live your life in an “experience machine”? Why or why not?

Journal #12 (*The Matrix*)

Identify the key
knowledge concepts
& themes in *The
Matrix*.

Journal #12 CR Prompt

(The Matrix)

How might Neo's
“journey” be a metaphor
for our “journey” to
understanding?

Journal #13

Describe one experience in your life and explain how each of the 8 ways of knowing may have helped you come to an 'understanding' of that experience as you've come to 'know' it today.

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