

■ Plato's Allegory of the Cave – Interactive Worksheet

■ Watch the short video (TED-Ed): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RWOpQXTItA>

Level: B2–C1 Time: 25–30 min Skills: Listening • Reading • Critical Thinking

Part A – Watch & Understand

1 ■ ■ ■ Where do the prisoners live?

■ a) In a palace ■ b) In a cave ■ c) In a library ■ d) In a desert

2 ■ ■ ■ What do the prisoners see on the wall?

■ a) Real people ■ b) Shadows of objects ■ c) Animals ■ d) Books

3 ■ ■ ■ What happens when one prisoner is freed?

■ a) He stays in the cave ■ b) He escapes and discovers the real world ■ c) He destroys the fire ■ d) He becomes a prisoner again

4 ■ ■ ■ What does the sunlight represent in the allegory?

■ a) Truth and knowledge ■ b) Money ■ c) Friendship ■ d) Technology

5 ■ ■ ■ Why do the other prisoners reject the freed one when he returns?

Part B – Think and Reflect

6 ■ ■ ■ In your own words, what is the main message of the allegory?

7 ■ ■ ■ Have you ever believed something that later proved false? What helped you 'see the truth'?

8 ■ ■ ■ What could be 'the cave' in today's world?

■ a) Echo chambers or algorithms ■ b) Advertising and influencers ■ c) False news or misinformation ■ d) All of the above

9 ■ ■ ■ If you discovered the truth about something important, would you try to tell others even if they didn't believe you? Why / why not?

Part C – Creative Task

■ Draw or describe your own version of the cave. What are the shadows? Who are the prisoners? What is outside the cave?

■ Upload your drawing or type your description here:

Part D – Modern Connection

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