

Book VII

Plato relates the allegory of the cave in lines 514a and following as an explanation of the task of the philosopher. Explain the allegory of the cave.

Book VIII

In Book VIII, Socrates discusses four kinds of governments that he believes are bad – as either governments of cities or of individual souls. Fill in the chart below with the characteristics of each.

Type of Government	Description of Society	Description of Individual
Timocratic		
Oligarchy		
Democracy		
Tyranny		