

## WEEK 1

**Read Sections 1-6 from Chapter 1: [Introduction](#)**

**Neo is Welcomed to the real world [HERE](#).**

**Red or Blue Pill? Which would you choose? [HERE](#)**

**Go around the group and discuss whether you would take the red pill or the blue pill, and explain why.**

### **Assignment 1. Red or Blue Pill? (5 points)**

**In a short 300 word typed response, say whether you would take the red or blue pill, and more importantly why? Submit to [turnitin.com](https://turnitin.com) by Wednesday June 29 midnight. Submit your responses to [turnitin.com](https://turnitin.com):**

**Watch the Turnitin tutorial [here](#) if you have not used turnitin.**

**The Class ID number you will need is: 12911031. You will be given the secret password in class.**

## **Socrates**

Read Ch. 2 The Greeks, [Sections 6-12](#)

Read etext of Plato's Apology: [HERE](#)

### **Learning Objectives:**

- 1) How does Socrates' life represent philosophy?
- 2) What is the relation between Socrates and Plato?
- 3) In what sense was Socrates wise and in what sense was he ignorant? (The Delphic Oracle)
- 4) Why does Socrates think virtue cannot be taught by most people?
- 5) What were the similarities and important differences between the Sophists and Socrates? .
- 6) Why do Plato's dialogues end with uncertainty? If that is the case, what is their value?
- 7) Who were the plaintiff's in the case against Socrates and what role do they play in Plato's Apology.?
- 8) What were the charges against Socrates? In what sense might the charges have been true?
- 9). What role does “arete” play in the life and philosophy of Socrates?

### **Video on the Socratic Method and Definitions**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EB4MYGInRl4>

Applying the Socratic Method. Go through the three steps with the following concepts:

What is a chair?

What is a game?

What is racism?

What is disabled?

What is Philosophy?

What is terrorism?

### **Optional videos**

Here is a good documentary on Greek Mythology:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MSEsh6jgHE>

Socrates on trial [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQkCGtbj\\_uw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQkCGtbj_uw)

Video: Socrates On Self-Confidence: A Guide to Happiness

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S24FxdvfOko>

(Quizzes on Socrates can be given any time without notice. See the syllabus.)

**Assignment: In a minimum 350 word essay think about the reading you have done on what philosophy is and describe how the life of Socrates embodied philosophy. Was how he conducted his life valuable to himself and others or not? And don't be afraid to be critical if that is what you think. In this class you are encouraged to think for yourself. Due Tuesday, July 5, 10 AM. Submit to turnitin.com**