*Opening video:*

Some philosophers focus on practical knowledge instead of propositional knowledge.

I never thought about why we would need a theory of knowledge. It makes sense because of how valuable knowledge is.

*Epistemology notes:*

You may perceive a world, but what you perceive could be different from what the world really is. People may have different sensory experiences based on the same stimuli. The mind is completely cut off from the external world. If everyone perceives the world differently, is anyone perceiving it correctly? Nobody knows how to actually prove the validity of claims, perhaps we are viewing the world correctly but there is no way to know for sure.

If there was definitive evidence that proved something to be true, what exactly would that definitive evidence be?

The only true knowledge we actually have is the knowledge of the mind from raw data that is collected from our senses.

*Rationalist*

Possibly try to solve the problem. All sensory experiences are rejected, knowledge is only gained from reason that stems from a sensory experience which leads to universal knowledge. Therefore we cannot use sensory experiences to prove any kind of theory. Mainly use mathematics and physics.

“Cogito ergo sum” – I think, therefore I am (at least the mind exists)

God is a circular argument. It uses the premise as the evidence to support the claim that God exists. A Rationalist must base everything off of reason and logic in order to gain knowledge.

*George Explains Parallel Parking:*

If a Rationalist were parking they would be able to do it with their eyes closed because it is universal knowledge that the senses would not need to be used for.

*Empiricist*

All knowledge comes from sensory experiences, the things we know now is based on the things we knew hundreds of years ago. There are no leaps and bounds in knowledge, it is all based on steps, and every idea is based off of something that already exists. No knowledge is new and unique.

Synthetic term: Subject and predicate terms are not necessarily linked “The cat sat on the mat.”