

Learning Guide Unit 4

Overview

Unit 4: Social and Political Philosophy

Topics:

- Plato and *The State*
- Aristotle and *The State*
- Saint Thomas Aquinas and *The State*
- Your personal social and political philosophy

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this unit, you will be able to...

- Examine Plato's Republic and why it has been so important throughout history
- Contrast Plato with Aristotle and decide whom you agree with more (and why)
- Evaluate Saint Thomas Aquinas' view of the root of good society
- Discuss social and political philosophy in your own life and defend your position to your peers

Tasks:

- Peer-assess Unit #3 Written Assignment
- Read the Learning Guide and Reading Assignments
- Participate in the Discussion Forum (post, comment, and rate)
- Complete and submit the Written Assignment
- Make entries to the Learning Journal
- Take and submit the Self-Quiz