

NB: All prompts concern some part of *Theaetetus* 201e--210d

Introduction

Recall the goal of this course: there are often different plausible interpretations of the same text. You will learn by the end of this course that texts can be read in different ways and learn how to adjudicate different interpretations. Each of the essays in this course will focus on these skills.

Prompts

With discussion of two interpretations defended in one or more academic sources, answer one of the following prompts:

1. Socrates' Dream articulates a theory of complexes and elements, which is supposed to support Theaetetus's suggestion that knowledge is true judgement with an account. Explain this theory and how it supposedly helps Theaetetus account. How does Socrates reject the complex and element theory?
2. Socrates discusses three different types of account. Explain each type, how they differ from one another, and just how Socrates argues that knowledge is not true judgment with any of these types of accounts.

NB: Include the prompt at the beginning of your paper.

Tasks

In order to complete this essays, do the following:

1. **Identify academic source(s) that explain these two interpretations.**
 - a. Find either one source per interpretation, or find one source that explains both thoroughly.
 - b. In order to identify these sources, you can start with the bibliography in the commentary and the sources I include in the book. Note that **encyclopedia entries and random internet website are not academic sources**. I expect you to discuss this with me if you are confused.
2. Devote 1--2 pages explaining each interpretation in turn.

Word Count

Your submission must be 1000--1250 words long. Essays shorter than 1000 words or longer than 1250 words will lose points.

Due Date

Please consult the syllabus and course website for the due date.

Late Submissions

Per the policies outlined in the syllabus, late work will not be accepted. Any request for special treatment will be ignored. If you foresee difficulties submitting work on time, either because of personal or work commitments, then you should start this paper early and submit it early.

Plagiarism

Please review the plagiarism policy on the syllabus. It is critical that you prepare your assignment by yourself. I will be checking for significant overlaps between submission as well as checking answers against Wikipedia, internet search results, standard essay sites, etc. If you include material in your essay without citing it, you will receive 0 for the assignment. A second violation will result in a 0 for the course, a report to the Dean, and a petition for a note to be added to your permanent academic record.

Format

Submit your works by first clicking on the relevant assignment in Blackboard. Click on 'browse computer' and upload your document as a .doc, .rtf or .pdf file. Do not send it to me by e-mail or through Blackboard's messaging application.

Grading

Please find the rubric and explanation of it [here](#).

Resources

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