



## Allegory of the Cave Template

Description of what is happening in each step of the story (the allegory)	What this step represents in real life
A.	
B.	
C.	
D.	

1. Vocabulary (indicate section, word and definition provided in class)

2. Read the summary

In the summary, Plato explains the meaning of the allegory. Summarize the meaning of this allegory in 50 words or fewer.

3. We are reading this in a unit looking at the origins of democracy. How does this allegory relate to democracy?

3. If you were an authoritarian leader whose legitimacy came from force, would you want your subjects to read the Allegory of the Cave and discuss it in school? Why or why not (50 words)

4. Do we live in a cave today? What might our cave be? Describe your ideas in at least 50 words.

5. How might we escape this cave? Describe your ideas in at least 50 words.