**Questions for**

**Plato's“Allegory of the Cave”**

**Directions:** After viewing the video (or reading the text), answer these questions.

1. Who are the “characters” in this allegory? (Hint: there is an “unnamed” character/force at work as well.)
2. What human traits does each character/character-type represent?

1. What is the order of events?

1. What social trait(s) or behavior(s) do these events represent?
2. What are the objects (nonhuman) used symbolically in the allegory?

1. What aspects of the social institution(s) do these objects represent?

1. What is the larger lesson(s) which Socrates (through Plato) wanted his listeners to learn from the story?
2. What is the larger lesson(s) modern readers might learn from Socrates (through Plato)?

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