

Syllabus test

1. *Monday, January 26.* GLAUCON'S CHALLENGE
Glaucou poses a challenge for justice. We'll talk about the nature of his test. What must Socrates prove about justice in order to satisfy the challenge? Do we really have to meet such a demanding test?
READING *Republic*, Bk. II, 357a–369b, pp. 38–44.
2. *Wednesday, January 28.* ORIGINS OF THE STATE
What problem does the state solve? That is, why would people who didn't have a state want one? What did Plato believe was the primary cause of conflict in human affairs?
READING *Republic*, Bk. II, 368e–376e, pp. 43–52.