



PHILOSOPHY

A LEVEL SUMMER ASSIGNMENT



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Watch at least one of the following videos on Plato's Allegory of the Cave:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RWOpQXTItA

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWIUKJIMge4

If you're feeling ambitious try to find the original text in Plato's *The Republic*.

- In your own words write a description of the Cave Allegory.
- What do you think Plato is trying to say? What do you think this has to do with philosophy?

Now watch **The Meaning of Life according to Simone de Beauvoir**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ws2Y2cWme8c>

- In your own words write down what de Beauvoir claims about the meaning of life.
- Do you agree with her? If so, explain why. If not, explain your view on the meaning of life. What reason do you have to support your view?

Write down as much as you can for your answers. We will discuss your ideas in the first week of the course.

Good luck and enjoy your first steps into a challenging and exciting subject!