PAPER TOPICS
(paper four)

Write a three or four page essay in answer to one of the following questions:

1. In book 4 (445a), Glaucon is persuaded that justice is happier (or, more profitable) than injustice. Is he right to be persuaded at that point? Are the arguments Socrates has given at that point persuasive?

2. What are Socrates’ reasons for believing that communism (of property and of women) would make the city more just. Are his reasons persuasive? Why or why not?

3. In book 9, Socrates argues that, even though he can satisfy all his desires, the tyrant is not happy. What are Socrates’ reasons for believing the tyrant is not happy? Are his reasons strong enough?

4. What does the story of the afterlife, found in book 10, add to the discussion of what justice is and why it is better than injustice?

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Essays will be word-processed or typed, double-spaced, in 10- or 12-point type. They will have a title and a title page. They will be in finished form and without errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation. All quotations will be accompanied by a reference in parentheses. Long quotations will be indented. Block-indented quotations do not require quotation marks.

Essays should frequently refer to and quote texts considered. Be as concrete as you can. Quotations can help with concreteness. Examples can help. Most quotations should be explained in detail.

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(optional paper five)

You may write an optional fifth paper, three or four pages long, on any topic listed during the semester on which you have not already written. The grade on the optional fifth paper will replace your lowest other grade, if there is one, so long as that grade is not a zero.

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