

Book IX Study Questions *Republic*

Please type your answers to the following questions.

1. Socrates begins Book IX with his description of the tyrannical man and how this man comes into being. In his comparison of the tyrannical man with the healthy and moderate man (571d-572a), what characteristics does the moderate man possess? What does the moderate man do prior to his “going to sleep”?

2. Out of what type of family does the tyrannical man arise? Also, what kind of relationship does the tyrannical man have with his mother and father?

3. What enslaves the tyrannical man? How does this enslavement relate to the condition of the citizens who live under a tyrannical regime (576c-578d)?

4. Into what three parts does Socrates divide the soul (580d-581d)?

5. With his explanation of the relationship between the lover of wisdom and the lover of honor, in what way does Socrates assert that the lover of wisdom is superior (582c)? In other words, what is the lover of wisdom able to do that the lover of honor cannot?

6. What is the result when an individual’s soul follows the philosophic and avoids faction (587a)? Conversely, what leads the soul in the opposite direction?