

It is our hope that the reading will be shared amongst many participants (the more participants, the lighter the load for everyone!). Feel free and encouraged to invite friends to also volunteer to read!

Here is a summary of the topics covered in each book.

Book 1 (8am-9am)

What is Justice, and does it benefit only the good, only the powerful, or everyone?

Book 2 (9am-10am)

*Is Justice good for its own sake, for the sake of its consequences, or both?
Can an individual citizen be just if they live in an unjust community?*

Book 3 (10am-11am)

Is there a role for myths and stories in making people suitable for life in a just community?

Book 4 (11am-12pm)

What sorts of structural similarities can be found between the human soul and the abstract form of a community?

Book 5 (12pm-1pm)

How does a healthy community educate its children? What would it mean to educate someone to be a just ruler for a community?

Book 6 (1pm-2pm)

*What is knowledge of the form of the Good like, and how does one come by it?
What is the relationship between knowledge acquired through the senses, and knowledge acquired through the intellect?*

Book 7 (2pm-3pm)

How can we apply our discussion of knowledge of the form of the Good to questions about how to best educate just rulers?

Book 8 (3pm-4pm)

What happens to a community when it is ruled by a person who cannot rule themselves?

Book 9 (4pm-5pm)

Which forms of government are most conducive to the happiness of their citizens?

Book 10 (5pm-6pm)

In light of all that has been said, is Justice more choice-worthy than Injustice?

Republic Topic & Roles Breakdown

*Here is a breakdown of the speaking roles that will need to be filled for each session.
If possible, we'd like to have a main reader and a back-up for each role (excepting minor ones)
for each book/session.*

Book I: 8:00-9:00am

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon
- Polemarchus
- Cephalus
- Thrasymachus

Book II: 9:00-10:00am

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon
- Adeimantus

Book III: 10:00-11:00am

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon
- Adeimantus

Book IV: 11:00am-12:00pm

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon
- Adeimantus

Book V: 12:00-1:00pm

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon
- Adeimantus*/Thrasymachus*

Book VI: 1:00-2:00pm

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon
- Adeimantus

Book VII: 2:00-3:00pm

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon

Book VIII: 3:00-4:00pm

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon
- Adeimantus

Book IX: 4:00-5:00pm

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon
- Adeimantus

Book X: 5:00-6:00pm

Characters

- Socrates
- Glaucon

** indicates minor roles, combined into one*