

1. Read paragraph 29 of "The Allegory of the Cave." Think about how "the habit of conferring honors among themselves on those who were quickest to observe the passing shadows and to remark which of them went before" might describe the nature of television watching, from game shows to so-called reality programs, to music and film award shows—the Grammy Awards given each year, for example. Write an essay about the relevance of Plato's ideas to contemporary media. *How does this relate to our understanding of Alice as coming-of-age story?*