

Knowers & Knowing

The Knower as an Individual
TOK L2

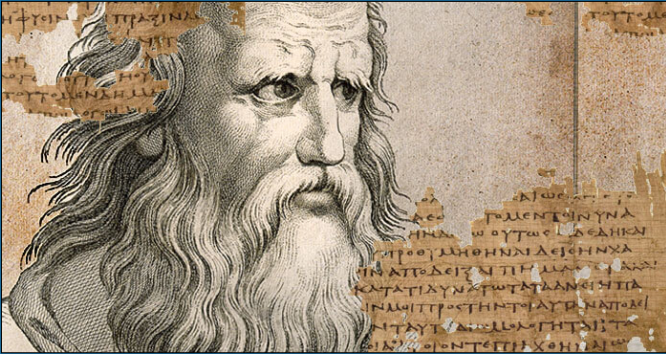


Key Terms

- **Bias:** Prejudice, unfairness, favoritism
- **Identity:** how a person, group, or nation sees themselves in relation to other people, groups, nations, ideas, and the world
- **Culture:** the shared ideas, beliefs, customs and practices of a community or society
- **Perception:** an awareness of something in and through the mind

KQ: *To what extent are our self-image and feelings of self-esteem a reflection of the ways in which others view us, the ways we think others view us or the ways we see ourselves?*

Innate Knowledge?



Socrates via Plato (427-348 BCE)

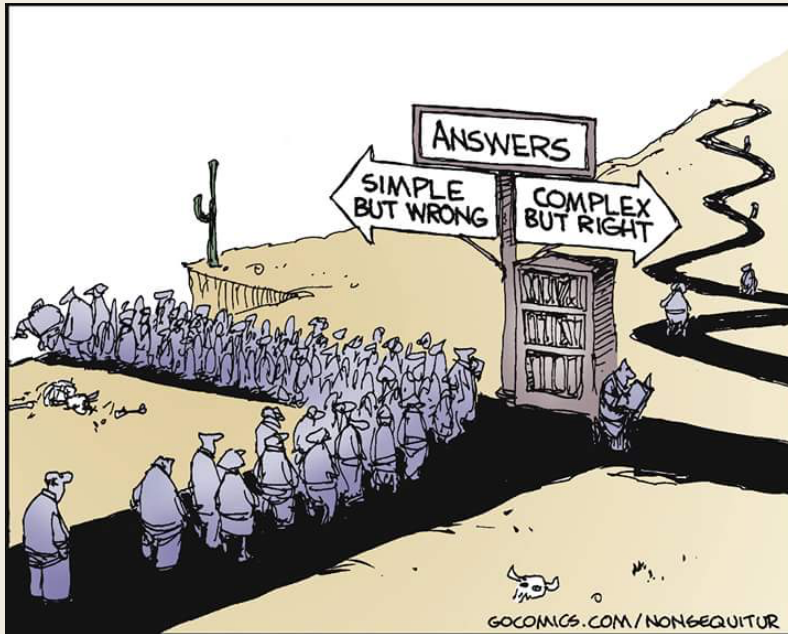
Meno



John Locke (1632-1704)

An Essay Concerning Human Understanding

What is the “illusion of explanatory depth”?



- *If you were to write a personal encyclopedia summarizing everything you know, how comprehensive do you think it would be? How accurate?*
- **HW:** Choose an entry for your encyclopedia—something you are passionate about (preferably not an academic subject). Try to estimate how much of what you know is first-hand and how much is second-hand knowledge. Try to identify the main sources of this field of knowledge. How have these different sources contributed to shaping you as a knower?