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Quiz 2

1. Explain Plato's "Allegory of the Cave" and what it represents.
2. Explain one thing you learnt of Aristotle's notion of "substance"

1. Plato's Allegory of the Cave represents a "fictitious" scenario that Aristotle created in order to explain how we see reality, and how our senses (specially sights and hearing) can change the way we look at it. For doing this, he imagines how life would be seen by 6 man that were born and lived their whole life inside a cave, their conception about life will be only described as the things they will see inside the cave, while truly life is not only that. For me I think he tries to represent how the way we see life doesn't have to be the same for all of us, it might change depending on how our senses see it, and what we think we are really seeing.

I liked the idea he made at the end, wondering if we are living in "cave" as well, and if what we see is the whole reality of life.

2. One thing that I learnt from Aristotle's notion of substance was the fact of how there is nothing contradictory for a substance. So, I never thought about the actual concept of what a substance is, of course I had the idea of something tangible inside my head, but never really questioned that. For example, in terms of quantities, there is nothing contradictory to that. 4 foot is substance and 10 foot is not contradictory to it, it is just another type of substance that is not more or less valuable. It is just different.