

WHGC • Reading Comprehension Check • *The Republic* • Books VII & X

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. In the last phase of the education of the guardian, to be undertaken at thirty years of age, ... is studied.

- a) geometry                  b) dialectic                  c) arithmetic                  d) poetry

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. In his discussion of the art of imitation, Plato uses the example of

- a) carpenter                  b) a philosopher                  c. a cook                  d) an athlete

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. According to the Myth of Er, a soul spends... years in either Hades or Heaven.

- a) ten                  b) a hundred                  c) a thousand                  d) ten thousand

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Myth of Er reveals that the life that Odysseus chose for his return to the world was that of

- a) an ordinary                  b) a lion                  c) benevolent king                  d) a philosopher

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which of the following is *not* a component of the cave in the allegory of the cave story?

- a) fire                  b) shadows                  c) a road                  d) reflections

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. In Book X, Socrates states that... “was a man of real knowledge,” who made an important and meaningful contribution to society.

- a) Sophocles                  b) Pythagoras                  c) Creophylus                  d) Homer

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. According to the Myth of Er, the last thing that the soul did before being reborn was....

- a) pick a lot                  c) drink from the river of Forgetfulness  
c) spend seven days on the meadow                  d) tell their story to the prophet