**Part A: *The 7 Main Fields of Philosophy***

1. ***Philosophical reasoning and logic*** deals with the pursuit of truth and reasoning, asking questions such as, What are the tools that you use in any argument? What rules do you agree on? What counts as a valid argument?
2. ***Metaphysics*** examines the nature of being and asks big questions, including, What exists? What is real? Can we talk about things that do not exist, such as unicorns? What is the meaning of life?
3. ***Ethics*** asks questions such as how should we conduct ourselves? What counts as good behavior?
4. ***Epistemology***, which is all about knowledge, inquires, What does it mean when we say that we “know” something? How do we obtain knowledge? Is knowledge universial?
5. ***The Philosophy of Science***, asks science-focused questions, such as What counts as science? What are the features of the scientific method?
6. ***Social and Political Philosophy***, examines the way that society organizes itself and inquires, How should we govern ourselves? What is justice?
7. ***Aesthetics***, as questions such as What is beauty? What is art? What is the role of art in society?

**Part B: After watching/listening the *Allegory of the Cave* consider the following questions in small groups (2-3) and take notes on the responses.**

* What are the philosophical fields addressed in the “Allegory of the Cave”?
* Illustrate of describe the story, focusing on its key elements. Then discuss your interpretation with your group members.
* How would you compare and contrast some of the different representations of symbolic features, such as the sun?