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Argue With a Philosopher

Defend, challenge, or qualify the following quotes by philosophers. Be sure you write an argumentatitve paragraph for each quote. Your paragraphs should all include a topic sentence/ claim, evidence, and commentary.

Example paragraph:

The idea that "imagination is more important than knowledge" sounds nice, but isn't true. For example, you can have an expansive imagination, but do nothing with it. A person sitting on their couch imagining stories and ideas is pointless if there is no action taken in response to those imaginings. It is through knowledge of the world and the understanding of how things work where ideas come to fruition. For example, your imagination can produce dazzling stories, but without the knowledge of how to present those ideas on paper via writing, or how to produce a film to convey those concepts–you have nothing. In short, imagination is a great thing, but it needs to be used in tandem with knowledge in order to produce anything tangible and valuable.

Quote #1: "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."

Plato

Quote #2: “He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how.”

Friedrich Nietzsche

Quote #3: "If you are lonely when you're alone, you are in bad company."

Jean-Paul Sartre

Quote #4: “If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things.”

René Descartes

Quote #5: “What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Quote #6: "It is not wisdom but Authority that makes a law."

Thomas Hobbes