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The Republic by Plato

Short Answer Key

1. Some central ideas about justice in "The Republic" include justice as harmony in the individual soul and the role of the ideal state in promoting justice.
2. Plato envisions the ideal state as a society with philosopher-kings who possess wisdom, and their role is to promote the well-being and moral development of citizens.
3. Plato believes that education shapes individuals and society by instilling moral values and intellectual growth. He criticizes art forms that may corrupt moral character.
4. The allegory of the cave is a metaphor for the journey from ignorance to enlightenment, with the cave representing the world of appearances and the outside world symbolizing the realm of true knowledge.
5. "The Republic" has had a lasting influence on philosophy and political theory, shaping discussions on ethics, politics, and education.

