

Readings Two and Three: Knowledge and Opinion

1. What are the three characteristics of opinions, according to the reading?
2. Is knowledge always true? Explain.
3. What is "right opinion"? How is it different from knowledge?
Though the term does not appear in the reading, if there is "right opinion" there must also be what other kind of opinion?
4. Is it better to be ignorant or wrong? Explain.
5. Dr. Adler says that most of the things that children learn are right opinion, not knowledge. Explain this.
6. "Opinions are accepted voluntarily." Explain how this is different from the process of knowing.
7. Did you notice the logical problem with Montaigne's claim that we know nothing? (The answer is explained in the discussion of skeptics' problems later.)
8. David Hume says we only have certitude of knowledge in what? _____.
9. Near the end they discuss faith. Explain it in your own words. Is faith limited to religion? Explain.