

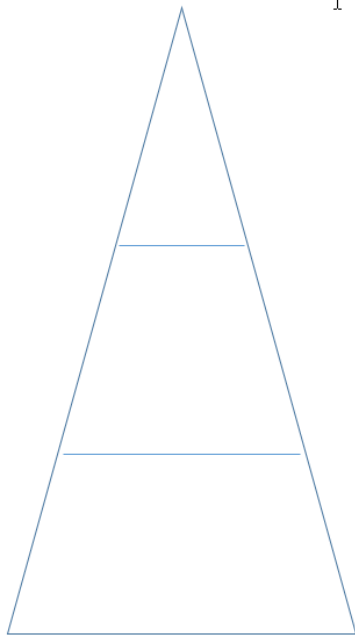
Lesson 1

Notes

Why is it important to know what we believe and what we believe in?

What does it mean to “define your terms?”

Foundations of Philosophy and Critical Thinking

	
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Philosophy Features:

Articulation:

Argument:

Analysis:

Synthesis:

Creation of an Argument:

Descriptive vs. Prescriptive

- Descriptive Statements

- Prescriptive Statements

- Ethics

Constructing Moral Arguments

- Premise

- Conclusion

- Argument

Two types of arguments

- Deductive
 - All killing of unarmed people is morally wrong. Capital punishment involves the killing of unarmed people. Therefore, capital punishment is morally wrong
- Inductive
 - Murder rates are not significantly lower in states that have capital punishment. Therefore, capital punishment is probably not an effective deterrent against murder.

Fields of Philosophy

Metaphysics:

Ethics:

Epistemology:

Logic:

Religion:

Political:

Aesthetics:

Concepts and Conceptual Frameworks:

Types of Knowledge

Empirical Knowledge:

a priori knowledge:

What Is Philosophy?