



SOCRATIC DISCUSSION

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WHAT IS IT?

- It's a form of dialogue between individuals that triggers critical thinking by asking questions
- It is mainly centered around the idea of rooting out presumptions in regards to the topic at hand
- It is based around logic and facts and therefore requires evidence and explanations in order to create a sound argument in the debate.

WHAT'S THE HISTORY BEHIND IT?

- The Socratic discussion originated in Classical Greece
- During this time, there was very little critical thinking applied and many common modern day concepts, such as the day and night cycle, were explained through unnatural concepts such as gods.
- Socrates questioned all these concepts and laid the foundation of western philosophy, for which he was later killed.

WHY IS THE THEORY CALLED AFTER SOCRATES?

- Socrates was born and bred in Athens (The only democratic city in Greece at the time)
- He was known to be notoriously chatty and talked to anyone he could get his hands on.
- He was noted by other philosophers (Plato, Aristoteles) to always think differently to others.



WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO APPLY SOCRATIC METHOD IN A DISCUSSION?

- Question everything
- Use facts as evidence
- Play the devil's advocate in order to understand the other side
- Keep your mind open to new ideas

A GREAT EXAMPLE

- <http://www.socraticmethod.net/morality/page1.htm>



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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