

Definition of knowledge - assignment

Come up with a **example of knowledge** that correlates with the knowledge definition you have been handed.

Find this particular definition on Fronter and **add your example as a comment.**

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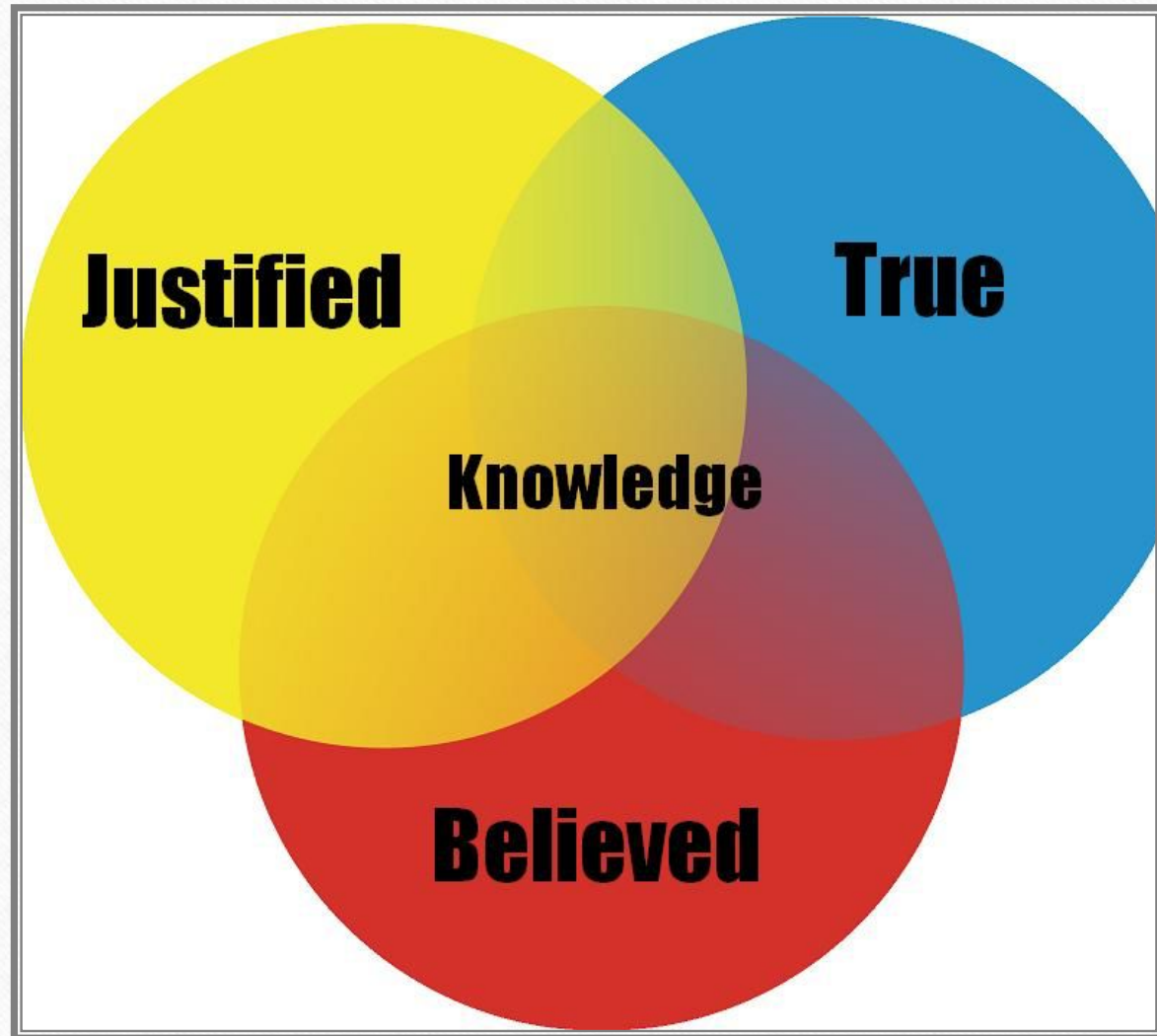
PT II

INTRODUCING DOUBT

The classical definition of knowledge

From Platos dialogue *Theaetetus*

- **Belief** – one mentally affirms to a proposition
- **True** - One believes this proposition to be true
- **Justified** - One has good evidence or reason for the proposition



The classical definition of knowledge

It is my **belief** that my name is Marina

It is **true** that my name is Marina because it is documented that I was baptized with that name as a child.

It is **justified** because everybody calls me Marina.

I have true, believable and justified knowledge that my name is Marina

How do we know what is true?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kAuzG4hBGs>

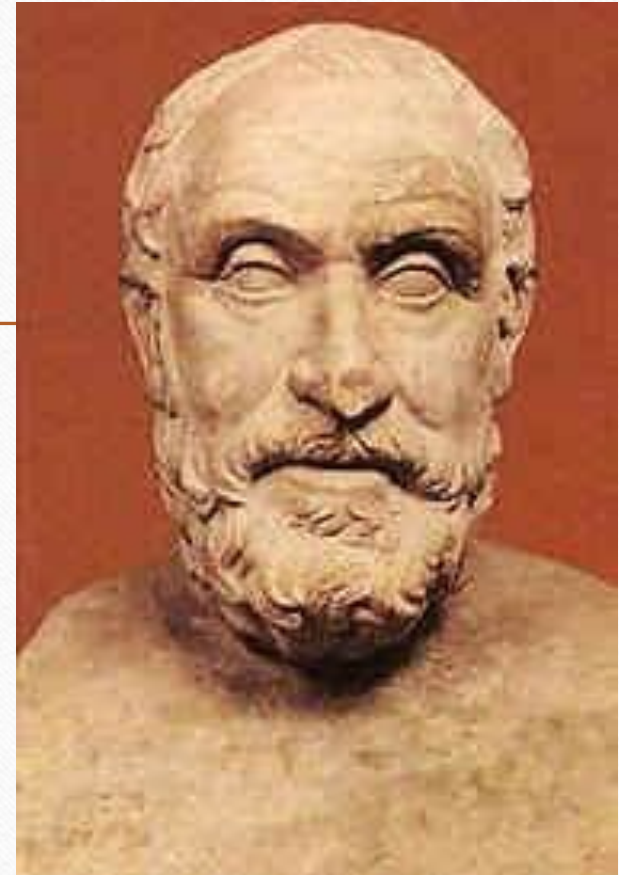


Introducing doubt

Pyrrho (360- 270 b.c)

- Greek philosopher and founder of philosophical school of **scepticism**
- Methodological scepticism
- *It is beneficial for one to question everything.*

Philosophical scepticism denies the possibility of certain or objective knowledge.



Discussion: In small groups

- Discuss pros and cons with scepticism.
- What does it mean to be sceptical about everything?
- What is worth being scepticle about and what not?

René Descartes (1596- 1650)

Cogito, ergo sum
(I think, therefore I am)

Assignment: Find out what this means and what it has to do with scepticism?
Why was Descartes so important?

Write a short summary of a few sentences and hand it in to Fronter.