



John Rawls' "Justice As Fairness": Worksheet

1. John Rawls defines justice as fairness - what does fairness mean?

2. Name and define Rawls' two main principles of justice.

A. First Principle:

B. Second Principle:

3. Can Rawls' principles of justice be applied to individuals, or does it not translate well from the institutional level? Fully explain your answer.



4. What's the difference between the fair equality of opportunity and the difference principle. Fully explain each term before explaining their differences.

5. According to Rawls, what are the two reasons someone might become frustrated or angry upon seeing or learning about an accomplished individual?

6. Why do you think John Rawls' definition of justice is still relevant today, even though his essay was written over thirty years ago?

7. Why is justice important?