

Year 12 Philosophy and Ethics transition work



The School of Athens, 1510 - 1511 – Raphael

1. Use internet to research what this painting is all about, in particular:
 - What was the School of Athens?
 - What was Athens like at the time?
 - Who are the two central characters?
 - How are these characters symbolically represented in this painting?
E.g. their hand gestures
 - What was their contribution to the school of Athens?
 - Key terms/ideas associated with these individuals?
2. Read the extract from *Sophie's World* by Jostien Gaarder and answer the question 'What is Philosophy?' in 500 words