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## Topic: What is Philosophy?

- I. Philosophy
  - a. Philosophy: Philo- + -sophy
    - i. "Phil-" = love
    - ii. "-Sophia" = wisdom
  - b. Philosophy: Love of Wisdom
    - i. WHAT about Wisdom?
  - c. Philosophical attitude does not want to collection information as "wisdom", but rather focuses on further questions about fundamentals of give terms/topics
- II. Liberal Arts ["arts" = technique of the free people]
  - a. Trivium: three ways [**lower divisions**]
    - i. Grammar
      1. Arts of (symbolic) language
    - ii. Logic
      1. Arts of Thinking (reasoning)
    - iii. Rhetoric
      1. Arts of Defense and persuasion
    - iv. Object: humans and their faculties (first person perspective)
  - b. Quadrivium: four ways [**upper divisions**]
    - i. Arithmetic
      1. Theory of numbers
    - ii. Music
      1. Theory of proportions of numbers
    - iii. Geometry
      1. Theory of shape and space
    - iv. Astronomy
      1. Theory of celestial space
    - v. Object: nature, *kosmos*, the world (outside perspective)
- III. Branches of Philosophy
  - a. Objects:
    - i. Trivium
    - ii. Quadrivium
  - b. Pillars (2)
    - i. **Metaphysics**: philosophical inquiry on the external world and universe
      1. Nature
      2. Being as it is, existence
    - ii. **Epistemology**: forming certain knowledge and true belief in the mind
      1. Theory of Knowledge (Justified True belief)
      2. Certainty of Knowledge
        - a. Truth