



## Preparing for IB Philosophy

If you're enrolled in IB Philosophy next year, summer offers an opportunity to begin thinking like a philosopher. The course emphasizes "doing philosophy," which involves examining the world from diverse perspectives and identifying philosophical themes in everyday life. For instance, you might think about whether there's a moral obligation to pick up litter in a park.

To get acquainted with philosophical thought and history, consider the following resources:

- **Reading:**
  - *Sophie's World* by Jostein Gaarder is a novel with an introduction to Western philosophy, making complex ideas accessible.
  - The main text we will be reading this year is *The Ethics of Authenticity* by Charles Taylor. You will be given a school copy, but purchasing your own will be helpful as you can annotate, highlight, and have it with you at all times. It is not necessary that this text is read before the school year begins, but familiarizing yourself with it will be helpful.
- **Podcasts:**
  - *Philosophize This!*: Designed for beginners, this podcast offers episodes on a wide range of philosophical subjects, such as the "Ethics of Care." [philosophizethis.org](http://philosophizethis.org)
- **Writing and Reflection:** Explore philosophical questions and responses posed by young thinkers worldwide on the PLATO website: [pdcnet.org](http://pdcnet.org). Select a question that resonates with you and write down your thoughts. This encourages deep thinking, challenges your assumptions, and helps you become comfortable with ambiguity.

Don't forget to have a relaxing and recharging summer!

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