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1.) Which ancient philosopher, in your opinion, made the greatest contribution to the development of Philosophy?

- In my opinion, Socrates has the greatest contributions in Philosophy. He is also known as the “Father of Western Philosophy.” Firstly, I admire his Socratic technique which helps a lot of philosophers and other people to know the truth and to seize the justice. If someone passed this kind of inquiry, it will be a huge success because it undergoes in critical observation and argumentative examination. Secondly, Socratic irony is related to Socratic technique. This method where you can pretend to be ignorant, but this is a kind of strategy will catch a liar or a person who spreads untruths. This action will see in court rooms or taught in law schools. Thirdly, I adore the Socratic paradox and his famous paradox, “I know that I know nothing.” Paradox is a statement that difficult to understand because it covers two opposite facts or truth of statement. His paradox made me realizes those things that I don’t know is greater than I know or my knowledge. Considering the fact that not all things cannot be easily solved and have enough knowledge in particular area. In his paradox, wisdom and knowledge are needed to be combined for you to have a good outcome. Lastly, his Socratic ethics who gave us an outstanding piece of understanding; because he elaborated “what the good and right is” and “always do good.” One of his philosophical method or teachings is to become an ethical person, who is honest and follows the good moral. Generally, Socrates wanted to reveal truth and justice. Doing what you love and happy by being true to yourself and doing good to others.

2.) Which ideas of Ancient philosophers do you find more interesting?

- From my standpoint, the most interesting idea is Diogenes of Sinope’s virtue of words and actions. At first, I did not believe in my Philosophy book, but when I look up into the Google, it is true and inspiring. In particular, he lived like a beggar and maintained poor to show great example of virtue. His vision of having a simple lifestyle leads to controversy and criticism. But in my view, Diogenes is not having delusional acts. The fact is he acknowledges his teachings into actions, despite of poverty. In conclusion, no one can bring money, luxury car, huge house when you/ we die, but we bring the good things and memories that we share with others.