

# **Elenchus in Problem-Based Learning**

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# Problem- Based Learning





# Socrates and Elenchus

From "The Death of Socrates" by Jacques-Louis David (1787)

# Problem Trigger

- Take a look at the problem trigger. What are your initial reactions?



# Questions on questions

- Of what use of the questions?
- What did the questions make one do?
- What is the significance of the arrangement of the questions?

# What we did

**Elenchus.** Socratic method of questioning that breaks down one's prior conceptions of things to better examine a point of view.

Usually followed by further questions that allow for reflection and building of knowledge.

# Elenchus

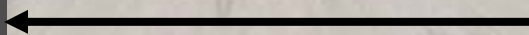
Awakening Knowledge



Questioning bases



Narrowing gaps



Knowledge gaps



Reflection

# Implications & uses





# Republic Polytechnic in context