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Socrates' argument of knowledge versus ignorance is one that I strongly agree with. I have always believed that knowledge is the most important attribute a person can gain. Throughout life you will be faced with many decisions, and an understanding of life will help you choose the path that is right for you. I disagree, however, that ignorance is evil. I believe ignorance is a part of gaining understanding to the unknown. At some point in everybody's life, they will have ignorance, whether it is in school subjects, or a practical matter of life. These incidents help us overcome our ignorance, or lack of knowledge, in one aspect and shed light on what we do not understand. A broad understanding of the world is important, and knowledge is only gained through experiences and mistakes.

Firstly, I do believe that knowledge is important in order to make smart choices. A person is required to understand the consequences of a decision, and fully accept them. However, without a strong inclination to continue looking for opportunities, one can't continue learning. Knowledge can be an understanding of subjects such as friendships, life, love, ethics, and much more. For example, a young student in school is forced to make many decisions that could alter their life. While peer pressure works against them, a person has to be able to take the step backwards and analyze a situation. Without knowledge and understanding a smart decision cannot be reached. Ignorance will only push someone in the wrong direction. Even though mistakes are a part of the learning process, too much ignorance will hinder a person's growth and well-being referring back to Socrates' quote that knowledge is key makes my position clearer. Ignorance can be evil, whereas no evil can come from gaining knowledge.

Contrary to what you may think; that the only, and most important evil is ignorance, I disagree. There are many evils and obstacles we, as human beings, will face. I disagree with Socrates' position that the only evil is ignorance. I think that ignorance is one of the many wrongs in this world. There can be much worse than an ignorant person. Issues, such as war, economics, etc. express many evils that we as people have to overcome. No one person is perfect, and their flaws should not be seen as ignorance per se, but as an opportunity to learn something new. Not everyone receives the same education, nor experiences the same things. However, as you may

think that evil always results from ignorance; that is entirely untrue. I have met many different people from other cities, states, and countries. I have gained new knowledge from every person I have befriended. What I did not know before should not be seen as ignorance or evil. A person can be ignorant to one aspect such as math, but be entirely knowledgeable about the world, and politics. The only evil is one that you cause yourself by not wanting to gain knowledge.

In conclusion, I fully approve of Socrates' quote that states how knowledge can only better a person in a good way. I disagree, however, with the part that states that the only evil is ignorance. No matter who someone is or what their personality may be, they will always come across an ignorance they have to something. With ignorance, also comes a chance to look at something from a different perspective; which should be taken advantage of to its fullest extent.