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### Words to know:

ill-fated (*something that is destined to fail*), intelligible (*able to be understood*), wholistic (*characterized by the belief that the parts of something are interconnected and can only be understood in reference to the whole*)

### Attempts to reduce everything that exists:

Pre-Socratics:	Many contemporary scientists:
<p>Problems:</p> <p>1) The ordinary living beings we see around us are wholistic and _____ and don't seem reducible to mere bundles of atoms.</p> <p>2) These material building blocks themselves are _____.</p>	
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The attempt to reduce everything to only one _____ is ill-fated; it doesn't work.</p>	

### Essence

- Each essence has \_\_\_\_\_ parts but is also a wholistic \_\_\_\_\_.
- The material parts are organized and made intelligible by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The larger point is that in all the things we experience there is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Reality is not simply built up from the bottom, it's also influenced from the top down. The \_\_\_\_\_ of things have their place within the \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Essence:** The \_\_\_\_\_ gets at what the thing is as a form-matter composite.
- It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a given thing that gives shape and definition to the material parts.

## **Existence**

There is something common to all things. They are all united by the fact that they all \_\_\_\_\_ . They all have \_\_\_\_\_ .

### **Comprehension questions:**

What makes you, a human being, distinct from all the other kinds of things in creation?

What do you have in common with every other thing in creation?