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

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?