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Read the chapter on Rawls(full name is John Rawls) in the political thinkers,edited by David Boucher and Paul Kelly and write a short note on:

1. John Rawls first principle
2. The second principle: Distributive economic Justice
3. The original position
4. summarize John Rawls idea of Justice.

1. Rawls' first principle is a principle of justice.  
Rawls' heory of justice

revolves around the adaptation of two fundamental principles of justice which would, in turn, guarantee a just and morally acceptable society. The first principle guarantees the right of each person to have the most extensive basic liberty compatible with the liberty of others.

2. The second principle states that social and economic positions are to be (a) to everyone's advantage and (b) open to all.
3. The original position is a central feature of John Rawls's social contract account of justice, "justice as fairness,".

The original position is designed to be a fair and impartial point of view that is to be adopted in our reasoning about fundamental principles of justice.

4. Justice as fairness is Rawls's theory of justice for a liberal society. As a member of the family of liberal political conceptions of justice it provides a framework for the legitimate use of political power. Rawls constructs justice as fairness around specific interpretations of the ideas that citizens are free and equal and that society should be fair. He sees it as resolving

the tensions between the ideas of freedom and equality, which have been highlighted both by the socialist critique of liberal democracy and by the conservative critique of the modern welfare state.