

Descartes Assignment

Due: Tuesday, July 11th 2017

Requirements: 2-3 pages, typed, 12pt font, handed in as a hard copy

Recommended: Quotations

Total Points for assignment - 40

Layout: Skepticism → Cogito Ergo Sum → God and the external world exists

- A. Give a summary of Descartes' first meditation in ***The Meditations*** (Pages 6-8):
 - a. What is the purpose of Meditation #1?
 - b. What role does doubt and skepticism play?
- B. On Page 10 of ***The Meditations***, Descartes claims: "I am a thing which thinks"
 - a. How does Descartes come to this conclusion?
 - b. What beliefs does he pass up before arriving at this conclusion?
- C. What is Descartes' argument for the existence of God and the truth of the external world?