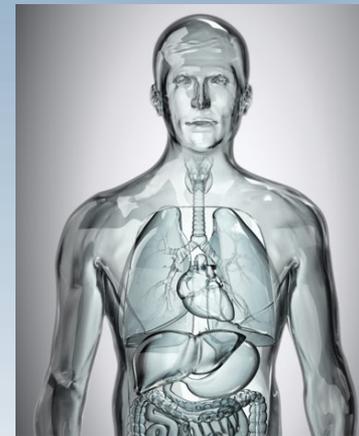# I'm not crazy…

What kind of crazy people does Descartes describe?

What can Descartes do that these people cannot?

Reason

How is Descartes similar to crazy people?

When I am _____, I have visions like madmen when they are _____.

asleep; awake
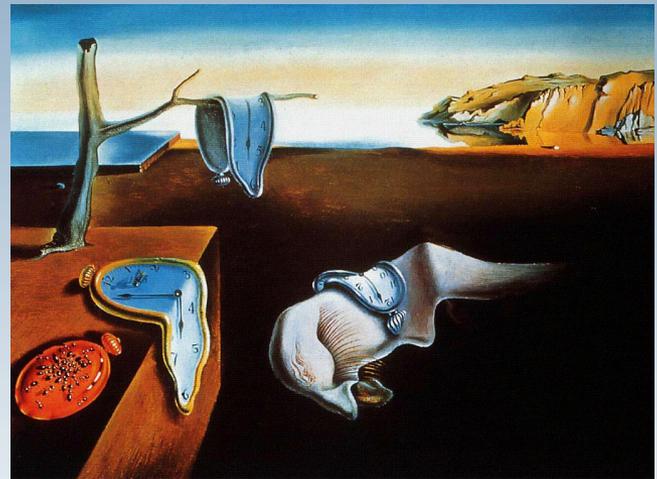
Being Awake vs. Being Asleep

Being awake and dreaming are definitely <u>not</u> the same thing.

False

Dreams are

pictures/visions **of**

_____real_____ **things…**

According to Descartes, everything we think of comes from
____simple____ and universal kinds of things.

a) simple; complex   b) complex; universal   c) simple; universal

Review Time

- Senses = Doubtful

  Why? = Deceive me occasionally, would be unwise to trust them

  BUT I know I exist bc of my senses – If I doubt I exist ppl will think I'm crazy

- I know **I'm not crazy** bc I can reason/make logical decisions

- I **don't know** if I am awake or asleep

  Dreams are copies of real things

BONUS ROUND!!!

1. If Descartes is successful, who will care?

People in the world of Science

2. Who is *They* in *Meditations*? Who is Descartes arguing with?

Himself

3. Give three examples of words/phrases Descartes uses as transitions in the text.

But, Yet, Still, Another example, As if, Suppose then…, However, how do I know…, you might say…, Let us grant them…, On their view…

4. After Descartes realizes there is no way to distinguish being awake from being asleep, he says, "Suppose then that I am dreaming…" (paragraph 8). Is Descartes changing his belief about the difference btwn being awake and being asleep, or is he using a rebuttal to argue his point?

Using a rebuttal

Sound vs. Doubtful

If physics, astronomy, medicine, and "all other sciences…" are doubtful, what is sound, or **not** doubtful?

Arithmetic, geometry, studies of "simplest and most general things"

What two examples does Descartes use to explain this?

2+3 = 5; sides of a square

Why are these sound?

a) they are certain   b) they involve science   c) they just are

This just HAS to be True!

But what if God has been tricking you?