

What's the Big Idea?!



Meditations on First Philosophy



Journal Task

- Explain Descartes' purpose for writing this essay. What is his main reason for writing this? (Big idea)



At first glance



What were your initial thoughts?

Did your opinions change when you read it with the reading guide?



What did you find the **most interesting**?

What did you find the **most confusing**?

Purpose and Methodology

- Setting

At home, in his dressing gown, writing this paper

- What does he want to do?

Contribute to science

- How?

Rebuilding his beliefs

- Method – Doubt

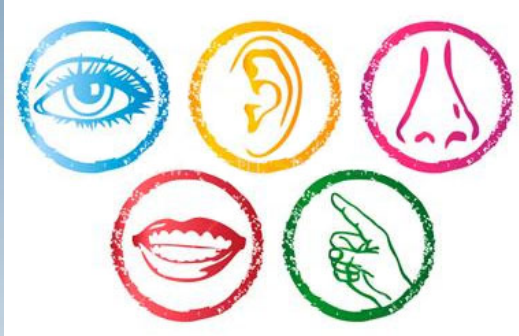
A little, a lot, or just the right amount?

Basic principles = foundations of beliefs



Body of Argument

What does Descartes begin to doubt first?



What is his reasoning? Why are the senses doubtful?

Occasionally deceived by them; Example = small, distant objects

What does he NOT doubt?

I Exist!!