Length should be approximately 5 pages. Please use a line spacing of 3 lines per inch (double-spaced) and a left margin of 1½ inches, 1 inch elsewhere. Point size may be no less than 10.* Papers will be evaluated on the basis of both content and quality of writing. You may cite the assigned readings in the text and the material on the course Web site.

Due: October 27, in class.

Explain in some detail the method which Descartes held should be used in investigating nature. Give a concrete example of how he applied his method. Comment on how well the example conforms to the stated method and on what shortcomings you find in the method and its execution.

*This is an example of 10-point type.