

Paper Topic
Philosophy 168
Fall, 2013

Length should be approximately 6 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: November 13, in class.

In the Third Meditation, Descartes claimed to have proved that God exists (as well as that God is not a deceiver). Explain the importance of the proof in the context of the broader purpose of the *Meditations*. Choose for analysis either version of the proof (from the possession of the idea of God or from the existence of himself who has the idea of God). Lay out the argument in premise-conclusion format. Then comment on whether or not you think the argument is successful, paying special attention to what you find to be its weaker points.

*This is an example of 10-point type.