

Topic 1

The key text for topics 1 and 2 is Descartes' *Meditations*.

Recommended version: *Key Philosophical Writings*, translated by Elizabeth S. Haldane, edited and introduction by Enrique Chavez-Arviso (Hertfordshire: Wordsworth, 1997). This book contains many of Descartes' texts.

The *Meditations* can also be accessed freely online: www.earlymoderntexts.com

Essential reading

- Descartes, *Meditations*. www.earlymoderntexts.com

Meditations is a series of six meditations.

Read *Meditations* 1 and 2.

Recommended reading

- Timothy Williamson, *Knowledge and its Limits* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002). Read the introduction and chapter 1. (Accessible as an e-book via library.)
- Nadler, Schmaltz, T. M., & Kolesnik-Antoine, D. (2019). *The Oxford handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism* (Nadler, T. M. Schmaltz, & D. Kolesnik-Antoine, Eds.; First edition.). Oxford University Press., ch. 4. Online via library.

Further reading

- Voss. (1993). *Essays on the philosophy and science of René Descartes*. Oxford University Press. Online via library, chs 2, and 3.
- Descartes, *Discourse on the Method*, part 4. Accessible at www.earlymoderntext.com