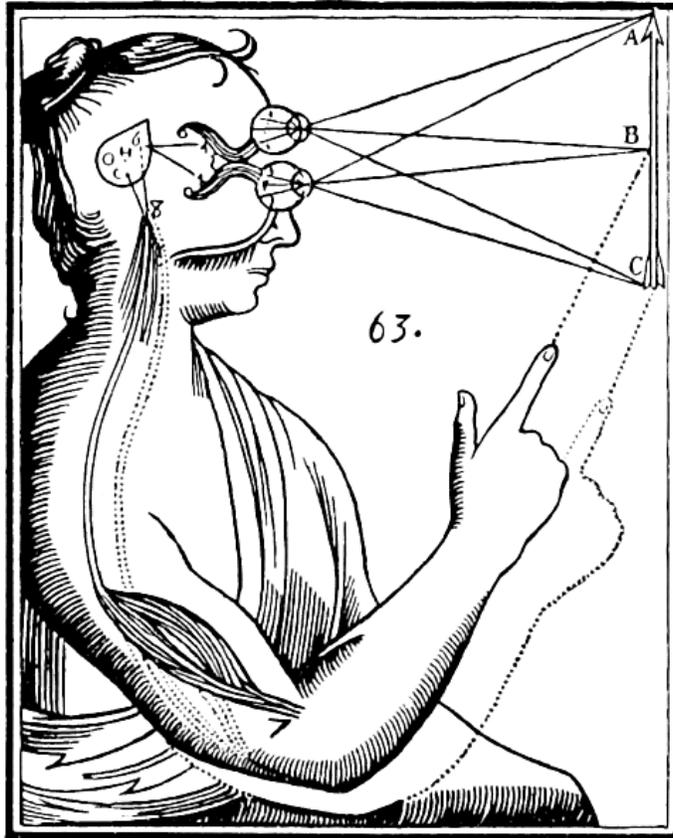


Mind-Body Project



One of the most enduring philosophical questions is “what is the relationship between the body and the mind?” This question goes to the core of what it means to be human, and, in larger sense, what it means to exist.

Our first unit centers on this question and will explore several theories, each of which answers the question in a different fashion. By the end of the unit, you will have read excerpts from some of the most significant perspectives on this question to emerge over the course of the last 400 years.

Before we explore the ideas of others, however, you will explore your own perspective on this question.

This will involve two things:

- First, on a **word processed** 8.5 x 11 page, explain your idea of what the relationship between the mind and body is. Your explanation should, at the very least, offer definitions of the following terms: mind, body, brain and soul. Definitions can include the idea that one or more of the terms doesn't exist. Please explain the relationships (if any) that exist between each of these terms and how they interact with one another. Your idea should be creative, but also should be a realistic description of the relationship. Please feel free to think outside the box! (I am not trying to steer your response in a certain direction). Write ups should be between 100 and 250 words in length.

Then, at the bottom of the page, rewrite the following statements and then indicate whether, based on your idea of the mind body relationship, that you **strongly agree**, **agree**, **disagree** or **strongly disagree** with each:

1. Everything that exists is made of matter/energy and has physical properties
 2. “Mind” and “brain” are two words for the same thing
 3. Someday, science will be able to completely explain the body and how it works.
 4. Someday, science will be able to completely explain the mind and how it works.
 5. The mind and the body are made out of the same thing.
 6. “Soul” is a metaphor for our thoughts, feelings and emotions. It is not literally real.
- Second, create a visual representation of the relationship between the mind and the body. This representation should take the form of a picture on no smaller than an 8.5” x 11” and no larger than a 24” x 24” piece of paper. Your representation can be in a variety of forms including: a visual metaphor, a diagram or an abstract representation. Regardless of what form your representation takes, it should clearly demonstrate what you consider to be the relationship between the mind and the body, and should emphasize what you consider to be the most important features/aspects of this relationship. Your name should be clearly visible on your representation.

This assignment will count as three annotations and will be due on: _____