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Descartes

1. The three arguments Descartes gives for doubting what he thought he knew were deception, illusion, and dreaming. Descartes felt that the declaration of the five senses in regard to judging the outside world might turn out to be a mistake as things do not always end up being what they may appear as. Next, the dreaming argument. He felt that because his dreams are so vivid and intricate, he does not know what is real and what is a fabrication of his own mind outside of himself. Lastly, the deception argument. He felt that while God may be omnipotent, He could use that as an opportunity to deceive. He felt if he believed in something and considered it to be true, at any moment the world could be changed and then what he believed to be true would not be.
2. While still in the realm of doubt, Descartes says that general sciences and mathematics are the basis for reasoning because they are not senses but rather fact. He also said that they are the model for our thinking.
3. Descartes argues that reason is a strong and unshakable basis for knowledge. His reasoning is that we can use reason to understand why God exists, why we can place trust in our sense, and why humans have certain characteristics.

Locke

1. Since Locke felt that there isn't any way that a human can have an idea that they are not aware of, it is not possible for people to have even the most basic of principles before really reflecting on it or being taught it.
2. The significance of children and idiots in Locke's argument is that if they have minds with impressions and souls, they have to become aware of them or understand them.
3. "Tabula rasa" is the theory that human minds do not have any thoughts that are already incorporated so all the knowledge that we gain is from the things we perceive or the things that we experience.
4. When it comes to what I think Locke meant by sensation are our senses. We put our senses out into the world and then the response we get back is what we perceive. When it comes to reflection our brains are trying to break down what we perceive to truly understand it.