Second Essay Assignment

Critically contrast the ideas of God held by René Descartes, Baruch Spinoza, and Cleanthes in Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* and argue which of the three has the best understanding of God. Be sure to begin with a clear thesis and develop the points of your argument so as to relate directly to that thesis. I’m looking for cogent reasoning to support your claims.

Your essay should be 1250-1500 words in length, conform to the style presented in *The MLA Handbook* (but for the exceptions detailed in the handout “Writing Critical Essays” distributed earlier in the semester), and be typed double-spaced. Please include a Work Cited page and a topic sentence outline at the end of the essay. See the course syllabus for the criteria of evaluation. The paper is due at the beginning of class on Monday, November 2, 2009. Late papers will be penalized a letter grade for each day or portion of a day the paper is late. Please also submit your essay to TurnItIn.com.