Second Essay Assignment

Choose two of the following figures and critically compare their ideas of God: René Descartes, Baruch Spinoza, and William Paley. Argue which of the two has the better 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 1000–1250 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 Wednesday, November 2. (Late papers will be penalized a letter grade for each day or portion of a day the paper is late.)