

Exam 1
PHIL301
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Rationalism in the Pre-Socratic and Pre-Philosophical Periods

With respect either to the Pre-Socratic or the Pre-Philosophical Period, characterize (assess, evaluate) the rationalism of thinkers of the period.

- State clearly a general claim about the extent of rationalism of the era. Qualify this claim as needed to fit your evidence.
- Support your claim by specific reference to writings from the period in question.
 - o Quote as warranted;
 - o Use proper in-text citation for all textual references.
- Demonstrate your understanding of and employ key course terms and concepts (including 'rationalism', 'metaphysics,' 'anthropomorphism', etc.).

Officially:

- Worth 20% of your course grade.
- Due Tuesday, February 25, 2pm.
- Submit an electronic copy to Turnitin.com and bring a hard-copy to class.
- Minimum 800 and Maximum 1250 words: place a WORD COUNT on your paper.
- Please double space!

Note: the second exam will have a similar format. Those of you writing essays in lieu of a final exam should use these exercises to prepare material for the essay. The essay will ask you to argue the extent of the world's rationality, given the work of the ancient Greeks.