**Skepticism/Perception**

- definition of Epistemology

- definition of Skepticism in terms of Philosophy

- Philosophers of Skepticism

 - Rene Descartes

 - John Locke

 - George Berkeley

- Rationalism vs. Empiricism

 - Definitions of both

 - Differences between them

 - Philosophers of each

- Rene Descartes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 - *Cogito, ergo sum – I think, therefore I am*

 - Evil Demon Theory & the Brain in the Vat Theory

 - Problems with Descartes theories

- John Locke from\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 - *No man’s knowledge here can go beyond his experience*

 - The Tabula Rasa

 - Objective qualities (the object itself, rather than our subjective experience of it)

- Primary Qualities and Secondary Qualities

 - If a tree falls in the forest… based on Locke’s philosophy

- George Berkeley from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 - *Esse est percipi – To be is to be perceived*

 *-* Berkeley and Idealism

 - Berkeley critique of Locke (physical things vs. nonphysical ideas)

 -*Mind independent physical object*

 - the role of God

-*The Matrix*

 - How does *The Matrix* integrate Descartes Brain in the Vat theory?

 - Does *The Matrix* also incorporate any Lockean philosophy or Berkelean Philosophy?

 - in what ways?

- What does *The Matrix* offer us about our modern day perceptions of our world and the implications concering our future and future perceptions?