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In this course, we will consider the question of the relation between thought and its object: how do ideas represent reality? The philosophers we will consider—Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume—had different accounts of what ideas are and how we come to have them. These differences in turn led to different accounts of the relationship between the way things appear to the senses and the way they really are 'in themselves'. We will consider the implications of these different views for what we can claim to know.