Astr 150 Assignment 6: matter as the basis for reality, and an exercise in organizing knowledge
due Thurs Feb 26, 2009

Construct a three-set Venn diagram for the philosophies of Thales, Empedocles, and Democritus. If you do not know what a Venn diagram is, then read the wikipedia article:


Try to fill in all 7 regions, and thus communicate those ideas held in common by all three philosophers, those ideas common to only two, and those ideas peculiar to a single philosopher.

Requirements for a good assignment

- The assignment will be graded strictly, as expected for a university-level course. The assignment is graded out of 30 points.
- Have your name, SID, and a word count at the top of the paper. Use question-and-answer format when writing your assignment, do NOT hand in a run-on paragraph (50% penalty).
- Be typed, double-spaced, of maximum length 250 words. Assignments longer than 250 words will receive zero credit. Try to be environmentally conscious and print on both sides of the paper.
- Use quotations only to illustrate your point, not to make it. If you are unclear about this requirement, then speak with the instructor.
- Show completeness of information, conciseness of expression, have a logical development of ideas, and evidence of thought regarding the content.
- Be professional of presentation, e.g., no ragged ends, creases, or ink blobs on the paper.
- If you reference any written sources at all, then you must give a bibliographic entry.
- In all ways, the author should show pride in his/her work.