

Leviathan by thomas hobbes

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The paper "Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes" is a great example of a literature book review.

In the first part of his celebrated work Leviathan, Thomas Hobbes deals with his essential ideas of man and the section is titled Of Man. In the first four chapters of this section, the author gives an account of sense (in Of Sense), imagination (in Of Imagination), the consequences or TRAYNE of imaginations (in Of the Consequences or TRAYNE of Imaginations), and speech (in Of Speech) respectively. These are the essential elements of human beings which offer them the diversity of appearances and the most essential element of them all is sense because it is the organs of sense which help the man in making conception in mind. According to Hobbes, the cause of sense is the external body or the object which initiates the sense in man including seeing, hearing, and smell. The author introduces the second concept, i. e. imagination as contrary to the concept of sense and he maintains that imagination is nothing but decaying sense. It is a faculty in man as well as other living creatures which are active while one is sleeping as well as waking. In the process of the decaying of sense, there are several past and present elements which form part of memory. Experience forms out of the memory of many things and it is another faculty of imagination. The imagination of the people who are asleep forms dreams which in turn give rise to apparitions or visions. The imagination which is raised in man by words or other voluntary signs is called understanding. In the next chapter of the section, the author deals with the consequence or TRAYNE of imaginations. "By consequences or TRAYNE of thoughts, I understand that succession of one thought to another, which is called Mental Discourse." (Hobbes, 94) In this chapter, the author deals with concepts such as <https://assignbuster.com/leviathan-by-thomas-hobbes-book-report-samples/>

unguided thoughts, regulated thoughts, remembrance, prudence, signs etc.

In the chapter Of Speech, the author deals with the faculty of speech, the uses, and abuses of speech etc.