

Rationalism vs. Empiricism

Matching:

1. _____ – claims the only way that knowledge can be gained is through experience; none of our knowledge is gained through innate ideas, intuition or deduction (alone) that is not informed by experience.
2. _____ – cannot be either a rationalist or empiricist since they either deny that knowledge is possible, or at least do not claim that knowledge IS possible.
3. _____ – there are ways that we can gain knowledge independent of sense experience (does not include our senses).

Rationalism

Skepticism

Empiricism

Rationalism or Empiricism?

1. Innate Ideas (ideas that we have at birth) – _____
2. Deduction (an infallible process of logical proof often by taking certain logical or mathematical truths as intuitively true) – _____
3. Chemistry – only chemical knowledge you can gain is through empirical discovery (no rationalist truths about chemistry) - _____
4. Intuitions (intellectually envisioning a proposition as true, for things like the laws of logic or math) – _____