PHIL- 406: American Philosophy
Opening Assignment

Ok, this is a gimme really (and it will count as such). However, since I’ve basically been teaching nothing but logic and advanced logic for the past two years, I want to have a little bit better sense of who you all are, and what your backgrounds might be. As a more or less representative sample of all the philosophy students, this information might also be of some value to the philosophy department as well. So the assignment is simply to send me an email (beiseckd@unlv.nevada.edu) in which you:

1) Tell me your name

2) Tell me your projected major(s) and minor(s). If you are philosophy major or minor, be sure to tell me whether you are in the law and justice track.

3) Tell me why you are enrolled in this particular class (it’s perfectly ok to give me a purely mercenary reason, such as “this course fills the philosophical history requirement, and it’s the only one that fits my schedule.”)

4) Tell me the first philosophy course that you took and its instructor, both here at UNLV or at another institution.

5) IF you are a philosophy major or minor, tell me the reason why, and also the point in time at which you made that decision.

6) Finally (and this is purely optional), if you have a relatively accurate picture ready-to-hand, send it along as well. Basically, I’m only trying to put unfamiliar names to unfamiliar faces (and vice-versa!) so I can pick you out in class. That means I DON’T want a picture of you in that power ranger suit you wore for Halloween, or with all that body paint you put on for EDC (unless, that is, you typically wear a power ranger suit or body paint)!