

## PHIL001. INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY – GETTING TO KNOW YOU EXERCISE

In this exercise, you will ask a classmate a series of questions and then present the answers to the class. Be sure to write down your answers in copious fashion so that you can do a thrilling introduction. When presenting them, there is no need to go through every detail or ask them every question on the list below. Try to present the main details and touch on anything you think is interesting.

Here is an example:

The person to my right is 'David W. Agler.' He is a graduate student in philosophy, working on his dissertation, and loves long-distance running. His earliest memory is running around his grandmother's house. Here is one fact and falsehood: He dropped out of college after his freshman year and he has never been arrested.

### QUESTIONS:

#### *Basic Questions*

1. What is your name, major, occupation, hobbies?
2. Where are you from and where did you grow up?
3. Have you taken any other courses in the Philosophy Department? If yes, then which ones? Did you like them? Why are you taking this one?

#### *More Interesting Stuff*

4. What is your earliest memory?
5. What is your most treasured possession?
6. What goal do you most want to accomplish in your lifetime?

#### *Fun Stuff*

7. One truth and a lie. Ask the person you are interviewing to tell you one unusual fact about themselves and then ask them to come up with a lie that seems like it could be true. When you present the truth and lie to the class, don't indicate which one is the truth and which one is the lie.
8. If you could spend a day with anyone (living, dead, famous, otherwise), who would it be and why?
9. If you could know how to do anything, what would it be?