Assignment 1

FS 101: Academic Discourse I
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Assignment 1: Introductions

1. Interview the classmate who has been assigned to you. Take notes — you are going to introduce that person to the class on Monday. Try to avoid the cliché things — “favorite color is red,” “likes pizza,” etc. — and look for something that truly captures the personality of your colleague in the course.

2. Look through your books — read the prefaces, flip through them to see what’s there, look things up in the index, stop and read if your eye is caught by something.

3. Begin reading Wood’s book, Edison’s Eve. We will not cover the entire book in class, but we will do the first few chapters.

4. On the class web page, find the section marked “Readings.” Read the pages for “academia,” “liberal arts,” “Hephaestus,” “Prometheus,” “Pygmalion.”

5. Come to class on Monday with the aim of discussing any problems, questions, etc. about your first week at the College.

6. Find one remarkable thing to share with the class.