**Personal Philosophy Manifesto**

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| *Maxim: a short statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct*  *Example: actions speak louder than words* |

We will watch Julian Baggini’s TED talk in class or you can follow the link on Havenner.weebly.com. Your challenge is to decide upon three maxims that you know to be true. A maxim is defined above as a statement of truth; this will be different for each one of you.

To aid you in this journey we will examine the following sources:

<http://www.bartleby.com/89/>

<http://www.brownielocks.com/folksayings.html>

<http://leonsplanet.com/proverbs.htm>

Essentially, you will decide upon three statements that you know to be true. You can write your own maxim, you use an already written maxim such as *all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy –* for example.

Write a three paragraph mini-essay, for each paragraph state your maxim, explain it and then relate it to your own philosophy.

We will do this work in class, if you are absent, you will have to work on your own time.