

## 1. Intro

1. **Attention:** *Pause...* Oh! I'm sorry. I forgot you were there.
  1. If you couldn't tell by my little daydream, a large part of my life is spent up *here*.
  2. My name is Elijah Dunn. If you want to know me in just a few choice words: I am a dabbler. I am attention deficient. I am an Introverted iNtuitive Thinking Perceiver. A biohacker. Psychological egoist. Existentialist. Areligious. Apolitical. And a Mechanist.
  3. Perhaps a few more words are needed...
2. Like the thoughts in my head, my bag is an invisible construct. The bag doesn't really matter as much: only the idea.
3. The items that I choose are somewhat meta as well –bear with me while I explain.
4. In the very short time that I am allowed here I wish to copy just a piece of my brain onto you. To that end, I must:
  1. Use my time to gather as much knowledge as I can about the universe.
  2. Share new insights and hopefully contribute something useful to all my fellow humans (and the more cunning monkeys).

## 2. Body

### 1. De Brevitate Vitae

1. I'm going to deviate from the assignment slightly by including an item that cannot go into a bag: my tattoo.
2. Translated as “On the Shortness of Life”, the title of an essay by Lucius Annaeus Seneca. In the essay, he suggests that time is the only currency which we can never get back once spent.
3. I tattooed the essay title on my wrist to remind me every morning how little time I have left.
4. Each person is slightly different in their application of time. As for me, knowledge acquisition is paramount.

### 2. Laptop

1. I use this laptop to provide physicality to the wealth of human knowledge we have access to today.
  2. I spent nearly all of my waking hours reading on the internet as a child.
  3. Of course, spending that much time on the computer is a lot easier than it sounds considering I had dial-up internet until college.
  4. Assimilating that knowledge is the key to interpreting the universe and ultimately to contributing novelty to the great wealth of human understanding.
3. I end with the lowly **Banana**. Bet you weren't expecting that!
1. 60% of our DNA is shared with a yellow, slightly radioactive, hybrid fruit.
  2. In the works of Chuck Palahniuk, “You are not special. You're not a beautiful and unique snowflake.”
    1. But this is not intended to depress, but to inspire and comfort.
  3. This pale blue dot on which we reside is all we have, and only together can we make it something greater.
  4. I believe that the measure of our individual worth is our contribution to the only thing that makes us truly human: civilization.

### **3. Conclusion**

1. As far as physically possible, I am devoted to contributing meaningful and new knowledge to the human race.
2. That can only be accomplished by devoting as much of my precious time as possible to studying the universe and all it's beauty.
3. Knowledge is useless, however, simply resting silently in my own head as I daydream. That is why I share with you, today, just a tiny piece of my life. So that I might be counted at a citizen.