**Assignment 1 – Personal essay and quiz**

**Part I: Personal statement**

I am interested in who you are – about your past, present and future. Please write a short personal essay telling me about yourself. Consider this essay your way of helping me understand who you are, where you’ve been and where you’re going. The essay should be reasonably short (no more than a few pages), typed double spaced in Microsoft Word, Google docs, LaTeX or a comparable publishing application. And most of all, it should be enjoyable to read.

I want the essay to be organized by “past”, “present” and “future”. The past section should include where you grew up. What is one of your favorite memories as a young child? What would you like me to know about your past?

Second, the present section should discuss who you are now. What do you like to do in your spare time? What’s a typical day like for you? And how did you become interested in economics? What are you hoping to get out of this class on causal inference?

And finally, tell me about your future. Use the “virtuous, ambitious and realistic goals” paradigm that we discussed in the mental health and hidden curriculum lecture. I’d like for you to tell me about your hopes about the future. And to make it fun, write out a one-year, five-year and ten-year plan of your future. That is, what do you hope is going on in your life in one year, in five years and in ten years? Why (values) and how do you plan to get there (plans)?