**FIRST DAY ASSESSMENT**

Hello out there! I am interested in getting to know you, especially as a writer and a student. I also need to know a bit about you before I place you into teams for your collaborative final project. What you write here will influence that decision greatly so make sure you respond fully and honestly. To that end, please answer the questions below and return this sheet to me per the due date on your syllabus.

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| Full name & nickname, if preferred | TJ Sipin | |
| Senior, Junior, Soph w/Jr standing? | Senior | |
| Career goals? | Data Scientist or Data Analyst | |
| Perceived English writing ability? (circle or highlight) | Fair good very good excellent | |
|  | No | Yes – explain if applicable |
| Software knowledge? |  | Yes, comfortable with most common office applications including Word and Excel as well as some coding languages such as Python and R. |
| Work experience? |  | * Spent a few summers doing bookkeeping and admin work for an accounting firm. * Interned for a nonprofit over the summer and did some business research, as well as acted as facilitator for most of my time there. |
| Have you traveled? If so, where? |  | * A short trip to Ensenada, Mexico * Rome, Italy * Britain |
| Do you speak a language other than English? If so, which? |  | I can speak a little Japanese and Spanish |
| Are there any times you are **unavailable** to work on this class? (i.e. 11am- 5pm T/F) |  | * Tuesdays * 1pm – 5pm Thursdays * 9pm – 11pm Monday to Wednesday * 9am – 1pm Mondays & Wednesdays |
| List a few of your personality traits. |  | I’m relatively calm and level-headed, though I don’t do well with confrontation (probably not a good trait for facilitating, but I’d like to work on it). I believe my inability to confront situations stems from the fact that I’m a people pleaser who values how other people perceive me. |
| Anything else you want me to know about you? |  | I’d like to practice my math skills in an applicable way, so I’d like to apply them however I can in this class.  I also have some sort of problem with understanding people sometimes. It’s a bit like a hearing problem, but I believe it’s mostly comprehension rather than the inability to physically hear. |
| Number section choices in order of your preference. |  | 2 Facilitator 1 Genre Overview 1 Competition 2 Marketing Plan |
| Whom from class do you **WANT** to work with?  (remember to watch all the clips on the Gspace forum to meet your classmates again)  (you may list as few or as many names as you wish or just say ‘anyone’) |  | Emily Main  Valeria Truong  Jessica Swalve |
| Who would you prefer **NOT** to work with? **Why?**  (this is confidential, be honest) |  |  |

Writing Sample

Respond with 1 paragraph below: What skills do you already possess that might help you in *this* class?

*To be frank, I believe I fit in the “Jack of all trades – master of none” category. This is no doubt meant to be brag-worthy, but I’m quite average at most of everything I can think of. Something that I’m below average in is listening and reading comprehension, which might hurt me in this class. On the other hand, something that might help me is my ability to write elegantly, though I feel inclined to be careful about expressing that in a writing sample meant to judge my writing skills. In all seriousness, I believe I possess skills in writing and creativity that may help me with the assignments in this class. Additionally, hopefully my quantitative analysis skills may be useful in the final project.*