

Informal Writing Exercise #1

PHIL101

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What is philosophy?

Due in class (and on Turnitin) Tuesday, 1/25/11

- 1) Review pp. 2-13 of the text.
- 2) Consider the definitions of (or statements about) philosophy *in the margins* of pp. **6-10**. (E.g., on page 6 appears the first of these, by Cicero, “Rightly defined, philosophy is simply the love of wisdom.”)
- 3) With respect to those definitions, respond to the following prompt:
 - a. Select and write down three of the definitions of (statements about) philosophy that you think are particularly appropriate or interesting, and for each one explain (i) what you think the definition (statement) means and (ii) why you selected it.
 - b. Formulate your own definition of philosophy and explain the reasoning behind your definition.
- 4) Please type and double-space your submission.
- 5) Please submit your paper also to Turnitin.com. (See the syllabus for turnitin information.)