Hello Dear Student,

Please help me get to know you a bit! If I understand where you are coming from (literally and figuratively), and have a sense of what you care about, I can help organize our class discussions around issues that are important to you. This will make our time together more collaborative, more meaningful, and ultimately more educational. I very much appreciate your taking the time to provide thoughtful and honest answers to the questions below, which are for my eyes only. In return, I will give you more background on me as the semester unfolds and to the extent that you are interested! I’m a pretty open person, so if you want to know something just ask.

Sincerely,

Sara

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Year in college:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

\* Where are you from (or where did you grow up, or however is the most relevant way to phrase that question for you)? Did (or *how* did) your place of origin inform who you are or how you see the world?

\* In your opinion, what are the most pressing political/social/cultural questions that we as a community, state or nation need to address? Put differently, what problems in the world keep you awake at night?

\* What do you know about yourself as a learner, that you think I ought to know to help you learn?

\* In general, do you think the world is “going down the drain” or “getting better all the time”? Or something else entirely? Explain, if possible.

\* Are there any topics related to politics/society/culture that you are uncomfortable with?

\* Are there prevailing opinions on any topics that you are particularly interested in making sure get a counter-point in class?

\* Is there anything else you would like me to know about you?