

*This assignment is due in class on Wednesday, January 25. You will get 5 homework points for answering question 1 and turning it in on Wednesday. It will not be graded otherwise. (If you turn in your response, you cannot get less than 5 points; if you don't turn it in, you get zero points.) The remaining questions are **optional**, but your answers to them might help me in planning the course.*

1. What is your personal answer to the question, "What is Mathematics?" What do you imagine that mathematicians do when they do mathematics?

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are optional:

2. What is your background in mathematics? What math courses have you taken in high school or college?
3. Why are you taking this course? What do you expect to get out of it?
4. Do you like math? What do you like or dislike about it?