True Wealth Outline – Assignment 1

During these first seven classes, we have covered the following topics:
- Definitions of wealth
- Different approaches to the discipline
- Basic questions about individual and social behavior (e.g. incentives or altruism)
- Labor and wages
- Consumption

Create an outline related to something we've discussed. Look at what you've written thus far in your journal. If you can't think of anything, try answering one of the following questions:

- What is the meaning of wealth?

- Are people primarily self-interested creatures or social animals that naturally sacrifice for the good of a community?

- What type of incentives is most important in determining people's behavior: material, social or moral?

- Is evaluating well-being simply a matter of adding up the well-being of all the individuals in a group?

- Does the price of something accurately reflect the value of a good or service?

- How should the personal meaning we attach to work be valued within society?

- When is advertising positive for society?

- Can society evolve beyond consumerism? Should we?

- Should La Plata County pass a law mandating a living wage of $12.40 an hour?

- Should every worker's time have equal value in the marketplace?

Due: Tuesday, January 20th at the beginning of class

Points: 20 points (Formative)

True Wealth Outline Worksheet

1. Thesis

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2. Reasons your thesis is true

Reason:_____

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    Supporting evidence (at least one example, fact, or other piece of evidence):

Reason:_____

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Reason (use a concessive):

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    Supporting evidence (at least one example, fact, or other piece of evidence):

Why is your thesis argument important? Why should I care?