

Group work on the maxims

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Please write your group members' names at the top of this sheet. You'll turn these in, but they will not be evaluated in any way. (I just want to see what you come up with.)

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Pick one of the maxims and imagine what conversation would be like if it were the *only* pressure that speakers felt. (Jot down a few sentences that convey a sense for your answer.)

2

Pick one of the maxims and imagine a speaker who did not feel the pressure of that maxim at all (but did feel pressure from the others). Write down a short dialogue that illustrates how strange this speaker would be to interact with.