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Since 2010 I have been teaching in the University of Richmond's First Year Seminar in a course titled The Nature of Mathematics. This course is designed for mathematical novices and is a "gems" course. We cover topics from the Greeks (pre Socratics), Euler, Gauss, the six color theorem, the struggle to understand infinity (Cantor), and the personal side of mathematics (Hardy's Apology). In this talk I will give a survey of this course, how students reacted to it (surprisingly Hardy's Apology become controversial!), and how I brought debate and writing to my students. (Received September 14, 2017)