**Aphorism Worksheet  
Aphorism** is a statement of truth or opinion expressed in a concise and witty manner. The term is often applied to philosophical, moral and literary principles. To qualify as an aphorism, it is necessary for a statement to contain a truth revealed in a terse manner.

*Explain the meaning of the following aphorisms in your own words.*

1. “A hunch is creativity trying to tell you something.” – Capra

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1. “Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.” – Edison

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1. “An eye for an eye would make the whole world blind.” – Ghandi

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1. “Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.” – Hanlon

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1. “Delay is preferable to error.” – Jefferson

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1. “Take a chance and you may lose. Take not a chance and you have lost already.” – Kierkegaard

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1. “If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got.” – Mabley

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1. “An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make a better soup.” – Mencken

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1. “Sits he on ever so high a throne, a man still sits on his bottom.” – Montaigne

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1. “’Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.” – Tennyson

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