

The Individual and Society: Ralph Waldo Emerson Philosophical Chairs

Decide if you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements. Circle one and write one sentence explaining your opinion.

A person cannot truly be themselves unless they retreat from society.

AGREE DISAGREE

Adults lack the ability to truly appreciate nature.

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In the presence of nature, all truths appear if we look for them.

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Envy is ignorance and imitation is suicide.

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Society is in conspiracy against mankind; it enforces conformity and hates individuality.

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It is small minded to think that you should never have contradictory thoughts or change your mind about things.

AGREE DISAGREE

Great minds are usually misunderstood and dismissed by small imaginations.

AGREE DISAGREE

STUDENT SELF ASSESSMENT

After the Philosophical Chairs Activity, you will evaluate your mastery level by reflecting on your behavior during your participation. In order to show mastery of the standard you must complete every one of the following:

1. FAR BELOW BASIC

I completed some preliminary responses using complete sentences.

2. BELOW BASIC

I completed the preliminary responses using complete sentences and I spoke when it was my turn.

3. BASIC

I spoke using mature academic behavior and vocabulary. I used evidence and examples to explain my opinion and proposition and support sentence frames when I needed them.

4. PROFICIENT

Besides behaviors 1-3 I respected those around me by waiting for my turn and not participating in side conversations.

5. ADVANCED

I listened to the other side's comments and acknowledged their opinion by restating it respectfully before responding.

My MASTERY LEVEL TODAY WAS: _____

Some of the areas of strength were _____

Something I would like to improve on _____

The class's MASTERY LEVEL TODAY WAS: _____

Some of the areas of strength were _____

Something we need to improve on _____
