

As people rely more and more on technology to solve problems, the ability of humans to think for themselves will surely deteriorate.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Agree or Disagree?

Agree:

- People are lazy.
 - We evolved to conserve energy, so its simple calculus: the less pressure there is to think for themselves, the less people will be forced to. It won't eliminate it completely, but it will definitely deteriorate.
- People just want to be happy.
 - Technology will create new pleasures and entertainment which will reduce both the necessity, and rewards of thinking for themselves.
- (Necessity is the mother of invention) We can draw an analogy between how once alternative modes of transportation became available, the ability of humans to be physically fit began to deteriorate.

Disagree:

- Humans do not think for themselves only to solve problems.
 - (We also think for ourselves to be creative, to express ourselves, to plan for the future.)
- Technology can provide more opportunities for thinking for themselves.
 - Google solved a lot of problems with finding information, and allows people greater potential for thinking for themselves by finding their own sources.
 - Education relies on technology, and the better educated you are, the more likely you are to be a 'critical thinker.'
- Technology solving problems will lead to more free time, but there will always be new frontiers to explore, and new challenges to conquer. The "need" for innovation or critical thinking will never disappear. People will be more successful if they stand out from the crowd.

Agreement Essay Outline:.

1. Introduction: Define thinking for oneself as making choices and doing novel things. Introduce our three main arguments of: evolving to be lazy, people just wanting to be happy, and looking to the past.
2. First Paragraph: Talk about how people are lazy. Discuss how while some individuals will resist, as a whole people will generally become worse at skills that are less necessary for their daily lives.
3. Second Paragraph: Talk about how ultimately most people are just looking for happiness. Note how technology solving problems reduces the need to think for themselves. (Who would need to create novel things if you're busy being pleased and having all of your physical and emotional and mental needs met.) If thinking for themselves begins to lead less and less towards happiness, then the abilities will as well.
4. Third Paragraph: For a glimpse of the future, it's helpful to look at the past: as technology reduced the needs of other things (IE Physical Fitness), other things began to deteriorate.
5. Concluding Paragraph: Restate how reducing the need for things naturally makes humans do it less, even largely abstract things like "thinking for themselves" will become less necessary as technology advances.

Disagreement Essay Outline:.

1. Introduction: Define thinking for yourself as analogous to critical thinking. Introduce main arguments of : Thinking for themselves isn't just a solution to solving problems, More opportunities for thinking for themselves can come from use of technology, and there will always be a need for critical thinkers.
2. First Paragraph: Humans think for themselves for a variety of reasons, not simply things which computers can stand-in for. For example, people think for themselves when they are creative, when they express themselves, and to make decisions about other people's ideas.
3. Second Paragraph: Technology increases opportunities for thinking

	<p>for yourself. Technology improves education. Education gives you more chances to practice critical thinking.</p> <p>5. Third Paragraph: Solving problems will lead to more free time as our base needs and desires are met, but there will always be new fields and frontiers to explore. Technology will open new doorways for thinking for ourselves, even as others disappear.</p> <p>6. Conclusion: Technology is something people have always relied on to solve problems, from the earliest tools to iPhone users, but it won't stand in the way of humans thinking for themselves.</p>
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To understand the most important characteristics of a society, one must study its major cities.

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<p>Disagree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Major Cities do not exist in every society. (Nomadic cultures, gypsies, rural communities). 2. Important Characteristics exist both in Major Cities and Suburbs and Rural Communities. (Cities are not representative of the civilization or society as a whole). 3. While studying major cities can help understand some major characteristics such as Culture, Religion, Social Norms, some characteristics would be inaccurate such as Agriculture... <p>Agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Major cities are the cultural centers of civilizations. 2. Major cities have the most people, logically it will have the most dense amount of information about characteristics of a society. 3. Major Cities tend to house leadership which are ultimately the most influential portion of society's characteristics. 	
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Educational institutions have a responsibility to dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are unlikely to succeed.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

<p>Disagree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students should be free to choose what they want. Assuming university level from "fields of study", it's likely that students are all 18+ adults. 2. What determines how likely a student 	
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<p>is to succeed in a field? Financial Success? Happiness? Sense of Wellbeing? Excitement? There are a lot of ways to define success, and the educational institutions could never account for all of them. Additionally, who will be the one to dissuade the student? One counselor/teacher may see the potential in a student while another does not.</p> <p>3. The only responsibility of educational institutions is to educate, not to make decisions (Out of their scope).</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's for the greater good. Society will be better off if more students find fields they can succeed in. 2. Ultimately, it will make students happier. Higher odds of success means more money and avoiding the despair of failure. 3. Students can still choose to try those 'unlikely' fields, but dissuading them from trying it is important because they're too young and inexperienced to know well enough themselves. 4. Institutions will also be able to save resources from students graduating on time. Students will be able to save money by succeeding in their studies. 	
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Scandals are useful because they focus our attention on problems in ways that no speaker or reformer ever could.

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<p>Disagree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scandals are largely random. It isn't necessarily the most important issue which has a scandal. 2. Scandals develop shallow interest in problems, and don't lead to actual, long term improvement. The media determines what is a scandal. Ex. Mark Sanford gets caught in a lie that was covering up his relationship with another woman. He is elected to a House seat a few years later anyway. Why? The media had blown his cover, but without any follow-up, he went on with his life. 3. Scandals focus our attention on problems that are shocking but insignificant. They serve to distract from the real issues that speakers and reformers should be publicly addressing. Example: Anthony Weiner sexting scandal or Bill Clinton/Lewinsky scandal. Not the most ethical actions, but certainly not a MAIN problem to focus on. <p>Agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The public enjoys scandals. It makes the public pay greater attention to problems. The more media time that an issue has, inevitably, the stronger opinion the public will have about it. 2. Scandals bring to light what the public may not have been aware of. Ex. Think about the Watergate scandal. A President not only had burglars break in to wiretap his opposing party, but also tried to cover up the situation. How has this changed the public's eye on the President, an elected official who is to lead the country? On a similar note, recently, there is the NSA wiretapping scandal. Big Brother is a lot closer than people thought and is the public comfortable with that? 	
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Claim: Governments must ensure that their major cities receive the financial support they need in order to thrive.

Reason: It is primarily in cities that a nation's cultural traditions are preserved and

generated.

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<p>Agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Everyone needs to learn basic fundamentals. (Math, Reading, etc)2. By studying the same national curriculum, it increases the validity of a high school degree (Because you know that everyone has studied the same subject matter)3. Who would pick the alternative curriculums? Kids? They're too young to make choices about what they want to study- can a kid really be expected to know if he wants to go into art, or math, or writing at such a young age? <p>Disagree:</p>	
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not all students may be interested in the same topics. Art inclined students would want to study less of science related subjects and vice versa. 2. The mistake of having one curriculum is that one error in the curriculum would misinform the entire nation of students. Example, if someone typed the gold rush occurred in 1949 instead of 1849, we would have a nation of students believing the gold rush happened after World War 2. 3. Learning gap would be bigger. Low-income/under resourced students and schools would be at a disadvantage. 	
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Some people believe that government funding of the arts is necessary to ensure that the arts can flourish and be available to all people. Others believe that government funding of the arts threatens the integrity of the arts.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

<p>Funding the Arts is Necessary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arts require money to pay for the artists living expenses and materials. Without government funding, many poorer individuals who want to 	
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<p>express themselves through art won't be able to.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Governments have a responsibility to preserve cultural heritage. They're the only way of defeating the "tragedy of the commons". Everyone wants to appreciate art, but no one would want to pay for it individually. 3. Government sponsorship of the arts creates a national drive towards creativity. Arts can become more prestigious with the Government endorsing them(This is a weak argument. Any other ideas?) <p>Funding the Arts threatens the Integrity of the Arts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The arts may become beholden to government interests. (Such as when a government sets up an art contest with the theme "Patriotism") 2. Arts may be censored by the government. Members of the public may demand that the art be censored since "my taxes are paying for it." 3. Art should be completely free and funding from the government fundamentally contradicts this. Artists will always have to consider how the government will react (Will I get more or less funding if I do this?) 	
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Claim: In any field—business, politics, education, government—those in power should step down after five years.

Reason: The surest path to success for any enterprise is revitalization through new leadership.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

<p>Disagree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frequent changing of leadership could result in too many changes to the field, halting progress. 2. A seasoned leader is necessary to maintain balance. 3. There are other ways to collect new ideas 	
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<p>and strategies that do not involve drastically altering the field.</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leaders in power for too long could become content or comfortable, halting change. 2. Corruption. 3. All fields are constantly evolving, necessitating that the leadership adapts to the changes. 	
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In any field of endeavor, it is impossible to make a significant contribution without first being strongly influenced by past achievements within that field.

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<p>Agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To make significant contributions in a scientific field, one must already master the existing knowledge in that field. This will inevitably lead to influence. 2. In many fields (ballet, classical music etc) beginners undergo extensive training under masters and thus will inevitably be influenced by their style. <p>Disagree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are instances of outsiders/self taught making significant contributions. In those cases, there can be no influence from past achievements (An example here would be S. Ramanujan, a famous mathematician with almost no formal education, but still made significant contributions.) 	
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Nations should pass laws to preserve any remaining wilderness areas in their natural state,

even if these areas could be developed for economic gain.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

Agree:

1. Wilderness areas preserve the flora and fauna. Countless species have already become extinct due to humans encroaching upon these natural territories. The Earth is not solely inhabited by humans; the planet is abound with different organisms, big and small. And these organisms deserve to have a home too.
2. Preserving wildlife can help stabilize global environmental issues. Humans have been invading natural territories for a period of time now, slashing-and-burning, overfishing, poaching, and other techniques. Moreover, the production of carbon gases is toxic to the environment. Preserving nature can help bring down the amount the carbon dioxide released as well as potentially stabilizing climate to prevent storms. The latter has recently been studied by US scientists tracking storms, with a focus on Hurricane Sandy and how that came about.
3. Preserve just for the scenic beauty. So much light and air pollution that the feeling of escaping to a natural habitat would be a nice getaway for some people (not to mention that this could be a cheap and easy vacation).
4. **Possible consequences:** By preserving this area, nations will likely have to bite the bullet and use the lands for economic gains. However, there is enough research behind the importance of keeping what remaining natural habitats we have now in order to prevent the decimation of the environment. Research has already proven the ozone layer, which can be thought of as a forcefield that prevents sun's harmful rays from entering, is

<p>deteriorating because of fossil fuels and carbon dioxide production. Trees and other flora can help to lower the toxic amount being produced only if they are around.</p> <p>Disagree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People need this area to prevent overcrowding and slum-like areas. The areas could be used to build shelters for low income citizens. 2. Worldly competition is fierce. If production is lacking, then the entire nation could suffer as other nations may look elsewhere for commodities. 3. Domestic competition is necessary as well. Clearing this land may translate to more jobs for everyone (a plaza with a mall is built, so construction workers, engineers, etc are hired as well as plaza employees. This could stimulate a struggling economy. 4. Possible consequences: Economy is bolstered and supplies meet the demands. Unemployment rates are lowered to an extent and people have more options for housing. Downside is that environment can be damaged, not just for the current generation, but for future generations as well. 	
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People's behavior is largely determined by forces not of their own making.

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<p>Agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Genetics play a large role in what sort of person you are. People are not born completely tabula rasa. Studies of twins separated at birth demonstrate that theres a strong correlation between Genes and aspects of our behavior like our sexuality, 2. People's behavior is very situational. Look at Stanley Milgram's experiments in obedience. The 	
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<p>majority of people would torture another person if placed in the correct situation, despite the fact that the majority of the time they'd be aghast at the idea. <i>Following along with this is the rules and laws that are put in place wherever a person may be. For example, in Singapore, venial crimes like spitting in public, chewing gum and littering are hefty fines and even canings for citizens and tourists.</i></p> <p>3. Your parents play a large part in who you are. What situation they raised you in radically changes your personality. Christian parents tend to have Christian Kids. Muslim parents tend to have Muslim kids. Whatever country your parents raise you in also greatly affects you. Choice is just the final layer the thousand levels that make up your behavior.</p> <p>Disagree:</p> <p>1. People can make the decision to fight the external forces. The individual responsibility is essential to behavior. Students, for example, are surrounded by external forces and pressures to do well in school so they can have a better future. However, despite this pressure, the behavior of a student is still up to each individual student. The student may choose to oppose this force and adopt a behavior that devotes time to partying than studying.</p> <p>2. Along the lines of opposing the forces are criminals breaking the law. These rules are set to govern behavior and to be apart of our scruples if we are to think about committing a crime. However, there are still people who go against these laws and this indicates that people can shrug off the responsibility that they are told to have and behave otherwise. This also is a sign that these people take sole responsibility in their conduct and not external forces.</p> <p>3.</p>	
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Governments should offer a free university education to any student who has been admitted to a university but who cannot afford the tuition.

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Universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's field of study.

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	<p>Agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This will stimulate interdisciplinary dialogue, such as using trends in one discipline for an axiom of another. Certain insights can help in the learning of another (still need a recognizable analogy) 2. It will reinforce skills that are ubiquitous to academic thought, across disciplines. One simple example is the asking questions to narrow the field of possibilities. 3. It will make the student, in the end, more well-rounded (whatever that means). <p>Disagree:</p> <p>Think of this as an argument for general curriculum, resulting in the supposed "well-rounded student."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General curriculum can act as a form of stratification. A general curriculum demands that each student meet requirements that are ultimately inessential to their career goal. A student in math does not necessarily need a course in Victorian Poetry to be a good mathematician, just as an English major does not need 2 courses in math to work as an English professor. 2. It makes the cost of higher education higher than it has to be. 3. It leads to prolonging undergraduate studies. General curriculum keeps students in school longer. 4. It detracts from time that could be spent toward pursuing another major or minor. <p>Qualification: If a general curriculum is not imposed, students could be missing out on interdisciplinary connections and insights.</p> <p>Response: Students could find interconnections between disciplines by taking electives, that, without a general curriculum, students would have more time to take.</p>
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Disagree

1. all students learn at different rates, recognize the no child left behind act
2. advanced students would be held back from their full potential, and others won't learn the material as well
3. the nation could have a set back, knowledge is power is the slogan, more powerful than war.
4. who would make the curriculum? and what makes this person qualified enough to know what these students need to know.
5. the need to be distinguished from one another

Educational institutions should actively encourage their students to choose fields of study that will prepare them for lucrative careers.

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Some people believe that in order to be effective, political leaders must yield to public opinion and abandon principle for the sake of compromise. Others believe that the most essential quality of an effective leader is the ability to remain consistently committed to particular principles and objectives.

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Formal education tends to restrain our minds and spirits rather than set them free.

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The well-being of a society is enhanced when many of its people question authority.

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Governments should focus on solving the immediate problems of today rather than on trying to solve the anticipated problems of the future.

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Some people believe that college students should consider only their own talents and interests when choosing a field of study. Others believe that college students should base their choice of a field of study on the availability of jobs in that field.

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Laws should be flexible enough to take account of various circumstances, times, and places.

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Claim: The best way to understand the character of a society is to examine the character of

the men and women that the society chooses as its heroes or its role models.

Reason: Heroes and role models reveal a society's highest ideals.

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Governments should place few, if any, restrictions on scientific research and development.

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The best way to teach is to praise positive actions and ignore negative ones.

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Governments should offer college and university education free of charge to all students.

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The luxuries and conveniences of contemporary life prevent people from developing into truly strong and independent individuals.

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In any field of inquiry, the beginner is more likely than the expert to make important contributions.

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The surest indicator of a great nation is represented not by the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists, but by the general welfare of its people.

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The best way to teach—whether as an educator, employer, or parent—is to praise positive actions and ignore negative ones.

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Teachers' salaries should be based on their students' academic performance.

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Society should make efforts to save endangered species only if the potential extinction of those species is the result of human activities.

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As we acquire more knowledge, things do not become more comprehensible, but more complex and mysterious.

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In any situation, progress requires discussion among people who have contrasting points of view.

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Governments should not fund any scientific research whose consequences are unclear.

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Society should identify those children who have special talents and provide training for them at an early age to develop their talents.

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It is primarily through our identification with social groups that we define ourselves.

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College students should be encouraged to pursue subjects that interest them rather than the courses that seem most likely to lead to jobs.

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Claim: When planning courses, educators should take into account the interests and suggestions of their students.

Reason: Students are more motivated to learn when they are interested in what they are studying.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

The greatness of individuals can be decided only by those who live after them, not by their contemporaries.

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Students should always question what they are taught instead of accepting it passively.

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The increasingly rapid pace of life today causes more problems than it solves.

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Claim: It is no longer possible for a society to regard any living man or woman as a hero.

Reason: The reputation of anyone who is subjected to media scrutiny will eventually be diminished.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

In Psychology there's something known as the "Halo Effect". We often believe that if someone has one good quality, (such as, being a good actor), then all of their qualities are good. While it is true, that media scrutiny will diminish the reputation of many individuals who might have previously received hero worship without close inspection, it is definitely possible for society to regard living men or women as heroes. Society will redefine Hero not as someone who is perfect in everyway, but as someone who has overcome their limitations. We'll be changing how we answer the fundamental question of if it's better to be born strong, or to be born weak and grow beyond it.	
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Competition for high grades seriously limits the quality of learning at all levels of education.

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Educators should find out what students want included in the curriculum and then offer it to them.

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Educators should teach facts only after their students have studied the ideas, trends, and concepts that help explain those facts.

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Claim: We can usually learn much more from people whose views we share than from those whose views contradict our own.

Reason: Disagreement can cause stress and inhibit learning.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Government officials should rely on their own judgment rather than unquestioningly carry out the will of the people they serve.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

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The best way to teach is to praise positive actions and ignore negative ones.

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If a goal is worthy, then any means taken to attain it are justifiable.

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In order to become well-rounded individuals, all college students should be required to take courses in which they read poetry, novels, mythology, and other types of imaginative literature.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

In order for any work of art—for example, a film, a novel, a poem, or a song—to have merit,

it must be understandable to most people.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Many important discoveries or creations are accidental: it is usually while seeking the answer to one question that we come across the answer to another.

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The main benefit of the study of history is to dispel the illusion that people living now are significantly different from people who lived in earlier times.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Learning is primarily a matter of personal discipline; students cannot be motivated by school or college alone.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Scientists and other researchers should focus their research on areas that are likely to benefit the greatest number of people.

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Politicians should pursue common ground and reasonable consensus rather than elusive ideals.

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People should undertake risky action only after they have carefully considered its consequences.

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Leaders are created by the demands that are placed on them.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

There is little justification for society to make extraordinary efforts—especially at a great cost in money and jobs—to save endangered animal or plant species.

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The human mind will always be superior to machines because machines are only tools of human minds.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your

position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Every individual in a society has a responsibility to obey just laws and to disobey and resist unjust laws.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

People who are the most deeply committed to an idea or policy are also the most critical of it.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Some people believe that society should try to save every plant and animal species, despite the expense to humans in effort, time, and financial well-being. Others believe that society need not make extraordinary efforts, especially at a great cost in money and jobs, to save endangered species.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Some people believe that the purpose of education is to free the mind and the spirit. Others believe that formal education tends to restrain our minds and spirits rather than set them free.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Some people believe it is often necessary, even desirable, for political leaders to withhold

information from the public. Others believe that the public has a right to be fully informed.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: Universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's major field of study.

Reason: Acquiring knowledge of various academic disciplines is the best way to become truly educated.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

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Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Governments should not fund any scientific research whose consequences are unclear.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

Colleges and universities should require all faculty to spend time working outside the academic world in professions relevant to the courses they teach.

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Knowing about the past cannot help people to make important decisions today.

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In this age of intensive media coverage, it is no longer possible for a society to regard any living man or woman as a hero.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

We can usually learn much more from people whose views we share than from people whose views contradict our own.

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The most effective way to understand contemporary culture is to analyze the trends of its youth.

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People's attitudes are determined more by their immediate situation or surroundings than by society as a whole.

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Claim: The best test of an argument is its ability to convince someone with an opposing viewpoint.

Reason: Only by being forced to defend an idea against the doubts and contrasting views of others does one really discover the value of that idea.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Nations should suspend government funding for the arts when significant numbers of their citizens are hungry or unemployed.

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All parents should be required to volunteer time to their children's schools.

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Teachers' salaries should be based on the academic performance of their students.

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Some people believe that in order to thrive, a society must put its own overall success before the well-being of its individual citizens. Others believe that the well-being of a society can only be measured by the general welfare of all its people.

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Some people believe that government officials must carry out the will of the people they serve. Others believe that officials should base their decisions on their own judgment.

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Claim: Any piece of information referred to as a fact should be mistrusted, since it may well be proven false in the future.

Reason: Much of the information that people assume is factual actually turns out to be inaccurate.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Claim: Nations should suspend government funding for the arts when significant numbers of their citizens are hungry or unemployed.

Reason: It is inappropriate—and, perhaps, even cruel—to use public resources to fund the arts when people's basic needs are not being met.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Claim: Many problems of modern society cannot be solved by laws and the legal system.

Reason: Laws cannot change what is in people's hearts or minds.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Educators should take students' interests into account when planning the content of the courses they teach.

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The primary goal of technological advancement should be to increase people's efficiency so that they have more leisure time.

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Educators should base their assessment of students' learning not on students' grasp of facts but on the ability to explain the ideas, trends, and concepts that those facts illustrate.

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Unfortunately, in contemporary society, creating an appealing image has become more important than the reality or truth behind that image.

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Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

People's behavior is largely determined by forces not of their own making.

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Although innovations such as video, computers, and the Internet seem to offer schools improved methods for instructing students, these technologies all too often distract from real learning.

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The best ideas arise from a passionate interest in commonplace things.

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Claim: Imagination is a more valuable asset than experience.

Reason: People who lack experience are free to imagine what is possible without the constraints of established habits and attitudes.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

In most professions and academic fields, imagination is more important than knowledge.

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Disagree:

interdisciplinary fields

novice->novelty

agree:

expert knows best->routine,

Some people believe that scientific discoveries have given us a much better understanding of the world around us. Others believe that science has revealed to us that the world is infinitely more complex than we ever realized.

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In any profession—business, politics, education, government—those in power should step down after five years.

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Requiring university students to take a variety of courses outside their major fields of study

is the best way to ensure that students become truly educated.

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Claim: The surest indicator of a great nation is not the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists.

Reason: The surest indicator of a great nation is actually the welfare of all its people.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Any leader who is quickly and easily influenced by shifts in popular opinion will accomplish little.

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It is primarily in cities that a nation's cultural traditions are generated and preserved.

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When old buildings stand on ground that modern planners feel could be better used for modern purposes, modern development should be given precedence over the preservation of historic buildings.

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Claim: The surest indicator of a great nation must be the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists.

Reason: Great achievements by a nation's rulers, artists, or scientists will ensure a good life for the majority of that nation's people.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Some people claim that you can tell whether a nation is great by looking at the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists. Others argue that the surest indicator of a great nation is, in fact, the general welfare of all its people.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and

explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

The best way to understand the character of a society is to examine the character of the men and women that the society chooses as its heroes or its role models.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

The best way for a society to prepare its young people for leadership in government, industry, or other fields is by instilling in them a sense of cooperation, not competition.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

All college and university students would benefit from spending at least one semester studying in a foreign country.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Some people claim that a nation's government should preserve its wilderness areas in their natural state. Others argue that these areas should be developed for potential economic gain.

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Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Some people argue that successful leaders in government, industry, or other fields must be highly competitive. Other people claim that in order to be successful, a leader must be willing and able to cooperate with others.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

College students should base their choice of a field of study on the availability of jobs in that field.

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Some people believe that corporations have a responsibility to promote the well-being of the societies and environments in which they operate. Others believe that the only responsibility of corporations, provided they operate within the law, is to make as much money as possible.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: Researchers should not limit their investigations to only those areas in which they expect to discover something that has an immediate, practical application.

Reason: It is impossible to predict the outcome of a line of research with any certainty.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Some people believe that our ever-increasing use of technology significantly reduces our opportunities for human interaction. Other people believe that technology provides us with new and better ways to communicate and connect with one another.

Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.

Claim: Knowing about the past cannot help people to make important decisions today.

Reason: The world today is significantly more complex than it was even in the relatively recent past.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Claim: Knowing about the past cannot help people to make important decisions today.

Reason: We are not able to make connections between current events and past events until we have some distance from both.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Educational institutions should actively encourage their students to choose fields of study that will prepare them for lucrative careers.

Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.

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Educational institutions have a responsibility to dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are unlikely to succeed.

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Some people believe that competition for high grades motivates students to excel in the classroom. Others believe that such competition seriously limits the quality of real learning.

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Claim: Major policy decisions should always be left to politicians and other government experts.

Reason: Politicians and other government experts are more informed and thus have better judgment and perspective than do members of the general public.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Some people believe that universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's field of study. Others believe that universities should not force students to take any courses other than those that will help prepare them for jobs in their chosen fields.

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It is more harmful to compromise one's own beliefs than to adhere to them.

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Claim: Colleges and universities should specify all required courses and eliminate elective courses in order to provide clear guidance for students.

Reason: College students—like people in general—prefer to follow directions rather than make their own decisions.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

No field of study can advance significantly unless it incorporates knowledge and experience from outside that field.

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True success can be measured primarily in terms of the goals one sets for oneself.

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The general welfare of a nation's people is a better indication of that nation's greatness than are the achievements of its rulers, artists, or scientists.

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