

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Make sure your sentences begin with a capital letter and that they end with a period. Your answers must also have a properly cited quote (questions 2-6).

1. Based on what we have read and the chart we worked on, what is the main idea of the first paragraph?

The main idea of the first paragraph is about accepting yourself for who you really are and to try out new things once in a while to see what you can do.

2. In paragraph 1, Emerson writes a metaphor about the mind. What is it and what does he mean by it? (Look to the chart we completed).

The metaphor states "...no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till." and it means that you should be self reliant when working on your own mind to gain knowledge and not letting anyone else change your thoughts.

3. In paragraph 2, how does Emerson criticize society?

Emerson criticizes the society by saying that they all follow whatever everyone else agrees with without thinking outside the box. They were all sheeps following what everyone else did and think.

4. In paragraph 4, what does Emerson have to say about consistency?

Emerson claims that consistency is if you don't think of yourself first, then you might as well not own a mind due to thinking what everyone else thinks.

5. Take another look at paragraph 5. What can you infer about Emerson's view on modern "civilized man?"

Emerson's view on modern "civilized man" is tragic, saying that they all lost their ways of thoughts due to technology taking over the past. Emerson states that "...has lost the use of his feet."

6. Choose two lines from the "Self-Reliance" excerpt that state a strong opinion. Write an extended paragraph in response to these lines, stating whether or not you agree with them and how they similar or different to your ideas, beliefs and experiences. Be sure to:
 - Start with a precise claim about whether you agree or disagree with Emerson.

- Quote the lines and explain what they mean to you and what Emerson is trying to say
- Explain how you agree or disagree with lines you chose from Emerson's essay.

I agree with the claim Emerson is trying to convey. Emerson believes that every individual has changed throughout history by the fault of equipment and technology advancements. He is right, since if you look at how the new generation of today is.

One of Emerson's statement is "There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance, imitation is suicide..." This quote means that Imitating a person will make you lose your own train of thought and that jealousy towards a person makes them lose their intuition. This is right because some people try to copy what their role model is, for instance let's say a child imitates a rapper. They lose their own personal value due to trying to be someone else.

Another statement Emerson made is that "...no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till." This quote claims that self-reliance involves on you to work on your own mind to gain the knowledge needed and to not have anyone else to think what they think. I agree with this statement because If you just take in whatever anyone else says, then you aren't training your own personal knowledge. That's not exercising the mind.

In conclusion, Emerson's statements of the people losing their own self-individuality is a problem to society because no one else will have their own free thoughts or opinions on a certain topic.