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Inter-Relationships and Self-Reliance

Questions

- Who am I?
- How do my skills and talents help to define me?
- How do I relate to my family, my community, and society?
- How do I build networks of people to support me?
- How am I a reflection of my relationships?
- How do my relationships within and across groups affect others?
- What influence do class, religion, language, and culture have on my relationships and my decisions?
- What can I contribute as an individual?
- What is my responsibility to society?
- How do I see my beliefs reflected in government policies and by politicians?

Thinking

Connect to self and world
Compare and contrast
Reflect

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Critical Response and Stance

Questions

- How can I discover the truth about others?
- What sacrifices will I make for the truth?
- What criteria do I use to judge my values?
- How will I stand up for what I value?
- What can I do to realize my dreams or visions for the future?
- How do I handle others' points of view?
- What role does empathy play in how I treat others?
- What power do I have as an individual to make a positive change?
- How do I respond to improper use of power?
- How do I determine when taking social action is appropriate?
- What voice do I use to be heard?

Thinking

Analyze from multiple perspectives
Respond Critically

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Transformational Thinking

Questions

- ❑ How can forward thinking help me make better decisions?
- ❑ How do I develop a realistic plan for the future?
- ❑ What evidence do I have that I am committed to learning as a way of life?
- ❑ How do I build a context for change in my life?
- ❑ When is loyalty to myself more important than loyalty to a friend?
- ❑ How will I know when to risk failure for possible success?
- ❑ How do I demonstrate that I am open-minded enough to learn from my experiences?
- ❑ How can I generate new ideas for solving problems?
- ❑ How can I invent new opportunities?
- ❑ What are the tradeoffs for technological advances?
- ❑ Which decisions I make today will affect me for my entire life?
- ❑ Where will I find wisdom?

Thinking

Look for the unique or unusual
Seek Wisdom
Tolerate change or chaos

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Leadership Qualities

Questions

- How do I know if I am developing the academic skills that I will need in my future life?
- What rules or principles do I use for how I treat others?
- What responsibility do I have to society?
- How do I resolve my responsibilities to myself with those to my family members, school, community, and world?
- How can I effectively articulate my opinions and perspectives?
- Who is in a position to help me affect change?
- What can I do to avoid repeating mistakes made in history?
- What leadership skills have I developed?
- What leadership qualities will I take with me from high school?
- What qualities define a good world citizen?
- How can I create the world I want to live in?
- How can I use my talents to create new opportunities for myself and others?

Thinking

Move toward innovative/generative thinking
Create new knowledge
Envision a new view of the world
Develop new ways to solve problems
Know when to take a risk