

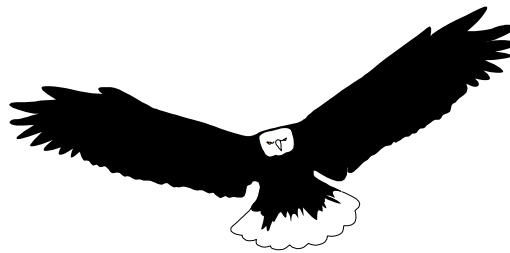
AP English 11 Seminar

Literary Selection: *Self-Reliance* by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Topics for discussion:

1. Envy is ignorance
2. Self-acceptance of who we are is critical, as is acceptance of our “lot” in life
3. We must work for everything of value; life is abundant, but will give us nothing “for free”
4. We don’t know what we can do until we try
5. Society is in conspiracy against the manhood [personhood] of its members
6. Whosoever would be a man [person] must be a non-conformist. Imitation is suicide.
7. With consistency, a great soul has simply nothing to do...
8. Pythagoras, Socrates, Jesus, Luther, Copernicus, Galileo, Newton were misunderstood...to be great is to be misunderstood.

Keep these things in mind as we prepare to view “An Enemy of the People” and do the attendant work.



Assessment:

Are you attentive to others’ comments?

Are you polite and wait for facilitator to recognize you?

Are you a participant in speaking and sharing your thoughts?

A = Spoke 5 or more times, listened well, followed procedure.

B = Spoke 1 – 4 times, listened well, followed procedure

C = Did not speak, listened well, followed procedure

D = Did not speak, did not listen well, disruptive

F = Probably sitting in time-out at the moment! ☺