

Quote Response Assignment

Assignment: Read all of the quotes in the set. Choose four quotes from the set. Write a two-three paragraph response to each quote you choose. Have the quote at the top of each response. All responses must be typed and all papers stapled. You can use these questions as a guide. Each assignment is worth 25 points.

Why did you choose this quote (pro or con) and what do you think is the message the author is trying to convey?

What are public or personal examples where this has been applied or not applied?

How can you or do you apply this to your academic, athletic or life in general?

How does this quote specifically apply to this time in your transition into college?

How does this quote relate to something we talked about in class, a different class or something you have read?

Bonus—Put the quote in context of time, place and author.

The first four weeks: (Due September 8th)

Seventy percent of success in life is showing up.

Woody Allen

Fall seven times, stand up eight.

Chinese Proverb

The will to succeed is important, but what's more important is the will to prepare.

Bobby Knight

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

Aristotle

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey

If you do not suffer the toil of study, you will suffer the toil of ignorance.

Moshe Ben Ezra

Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

Calvin Coolidge

I will persist until I succeed. Always will I take another step. If that is of no avail I will take another, and yet another. In truth, one step at a time is not too difficult.... I know that small attempts, repeated, will complete any undertaking.

Og Mandino

The aim (of education) must be the training of independently acting and thinking individuals who, however, can see in the service to the community their highest life achievement.

Albert Einstein

A person's mind stretched to a new idea never goes back to its original dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

It's choice - not chance - that determines your destiny.

Jean Nidetch

Nobody trips over mountains. It is the small pebble that causes you to stumble. Pass all the pebbles in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain.

Unknown

Everything can be taken from a man but the last of human freedoms, the right to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances--the right to choose one's own way.

Dr. Viktor E Frankl

When you sit with a nice girl for two hours, you think it's only a minute. But when you sit on a hot stove for a minute, you think it's two hours. That's relativity.

Albert Einstein

There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.

John F. Kennedy

We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes.

John F. Kennedy

The true measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King Jr.

There are two types of people...one who ask for directions and the others who find their way. Both may reach the destination but the satisfaction of the other kind is far greater.

Dominik Sliver

Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.

African Proverbs

We are now at a point where we must educate our children in what no one knew yesterday, and prepare our schools for what no one knows yet.

Margaret Mead

You can have brilliant ideas, but if you can't get them across, your ideas won't get you anywhere.

Lee Iacocca

Talent wins games, but teamwork & intelligence win championships.

Michael Jordan

The Next Five Weeks (Due October 13th)

All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward.

Ellen Glasgow

Success is peace of mind [from] knowing you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.

John Wooden

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank

Life is 10 percent what you make it, and 90 percent how you take it.

Irving Berlin

One man's candle is light for many.

Talmud, Shabbat

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

What we see depends mainly on what we look for.

John Lobbock

It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong.

Francois Marie Arouet Voltaire

To avoid situations in which you might make mistakes may be the biggest mistake of all.

Peter McWilliams

You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.

Naguib, Mahfouz

No man was ever endowed with a right without being at the same time saddled with a responsibility.

Gerald W. Johnson

It is the dull man who is always sure, and the sure man who is always dull.

H.L. Mencken

There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstance permit. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results.

Art Turock

When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.

Henri Nouwen

The world is a dangerous place to live - not because of the people who are evil but because of the people who don't do anything about it.

Albert Einstein

He who has a "why" to live can bear with almost any "how."

Friedrich Nietzsche

Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?

Frank Scully

The biggest mistake people make in life is not trying to make a living at what they enjoy.

Malcolm Forbes

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Irving Berlin

A leader is best when people barely know he exists. When his work is done, they will say: "We did it ourselves."

Lao Tzu

We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.

Thomas Jefferson

At the beginning of a great national change, the patriot is a scarce man: scorned, ridiculed and forgotten. When he succeeds, however, all men will join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.

Mark Twain

The next six weeks (Due November 22nd)

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you *not* to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.... It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Marianne Williamson

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mohandas Gandhi

The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose.

Richard Leider

People are like stained glass windows, they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when darkness sets in, their true beauty is only seen if there is a light within.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

We can do no great things; only small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men; and among those fibers, as sympathetic threads, our actions run as causes, and they come back to us as effects.

Herman Melville

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not

let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.

Edward E. Hale

I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, naval architecture, navigation, commerce, and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain.

John Adams

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Dr. Viktor E Frankl

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Albert Einstein

Try not to become a man of success, but rather a man of value.

Albert Einstein

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Saint Francis of Assisi

When Hitler attacked the Jews I was not a Jew, therefore I was not concerned. And when Hitler attacked the Catholics, I was not a Catholic, and therefore, I was not concerned. And when Hitler attacked the unions and the industrialists, I was not a member of the unions and I was not concerned. Then Hitler attacked me and the Protestant church — and there was nobody left to be concerned.

Pastor Martin Niemöller

And so to every man his chance, To every man regardless of his birth, his shining golden opportunity; to every man the right to live, to work, to be himself and to become whatever thing his vision and his manhood can combine to make him. This, Seeker, is the promise of America.

Thomas Wolfe

It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build my hopes on a foundation of confusion, misery and death... I think... peace and tranquility will return again.

Anne Frank

The purpose of this life is not to win. The purpose of life is to grow and to share.

When you come to look back on all that you have done in life, you will get more satisfaction from the pleasure you have brought into other people's lives than you will from the times you outdid and defeated them.

Harold Kushner

Even in the deepest sinking there is the hidden purpose of an ultimate rising. Thus it is for all men, from none is the source of light withheld unless he himself withdraws from it. Therefore the most important thing is not to despair.

Hasidic saying

There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

Elie Wiesel

Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, these ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

Robert Francis Kennedy

Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted the indifference of those who should have known better the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most that has made it possible for evil to triumph.

Haile Selassie

We must dare to think "unthinkable" thoughts. We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world. We must learn to welcome and not to fear the voices of dissent. We must dare to think about "unthinkable things" because when things become unthinkable, thinking stops and action becomes mindless.

James W. Fulbright