

Inspirational Quotations

Read them carefully and write their paraphrase. Then choose the one that you like best and write 100 words on it.

1. "Vision is the art of seeing things invisible to others". – Jonathan Swift.
2. "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows". – Helen Keller.
3. "A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver a few minutes longer". – Ralph Waldo Emerson
4. "Two simple rules for life: Know Thyself: Take nothing in excess". – Socrates
5. "Imagination is more important than Knowledge". – Albert Einstein

The following are self-composed quotations, that is they are quotations written by students:

1. "The ultimate aim of life is to get acquainted with truth"
 - a. If you are alert to your purpose, you won't alter it.
2. "Honesty once pawned is never redeemed". – Thomas Middleton
 - b. If a man does not hesitate to pawn his property, he may have to pawn his own person.
3. "Nothing shows a man's character more than what he laughs at".
 - c. Laughter is the daughter of joy.
4. "The way out of trouble is never as simple as the way in".
 - d. Russians are in trouble, as they don't have enough Rouble.
5. "The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance".
 - e. Ignorance is not so much an evil as irresponsibility is.

These self – composed sentences (a, b, c, d, & e) show you a way to play with words.

Can you find at least three quotations and write your own paraphrases (try to play with words if possible). You can deal with topics like leadership, education, wisdom, success, proverbs, ability, imagination, character, life, man and mankind, happiness, habit, religion, humility, self-confidence, woman, beauty, love, courage, friendship, knowledge, justice, belief, creativity, death, and many others.

Some more quotations to inspire you.

1. "The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart". – Mencius
2. "Success does not come to you. You go it." – Marwa Collins
3. "Adversity introduces a man to himself."
4. "Do not push the river; it will flow by itself."
5. "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." – Aristotle
6. "Wisdom is knowledge which has become a part of one's being."
7. "Be your own friend and others will befriend you."
8. "All our knowledge brings us nearer to ignorance." – T.S.Eliot
9. "A candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle."
10. "The greatest risk in life is not taking a risk." – Sabeer Bhatia

11. "Truly respecting others is the bedrock of motivation." Dale Carnegie
12. "The woman cries before the wedding and the man after." A Polish Proverb
13. "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in raising every time we fall." – Nelson Mandela
14. "Nothing will ever be attempted, if all possible objections must first be overcome." – Dr Samuel Johnson
15. "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." Albert Einstein

Choose one of the quotations from 1-15 and write a creative piece. Yes, invent a story and conclude it with the quotation of your own choice as the emblematic moral message of your story. Unbridle your imagination. You have plenty of it, do not leave it unexpressed, because after a while it fades away and it won't ever come back!!!!