

“SELF-RELIANCE” ASSIGNMENT

1. There is a time in every man’s education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance, that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better or for worse as his portion.
2. We but half express ourselves, and are ashamed of the divine idea which each of us represents.
3. Trust thyself; every heart vibrates to that iron stringGreat men have always done sobetraying their perception that the absolutely trustworthy was seated at their heart.
4. Society everywhere is in conspiracy against the manhood of every one of its members. . . .The virtue in most request is conformity. Self-reliance is its aversion.
5. Whoso would be a man, must be a nonconformist.
6. Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind.
7. A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds. . . .With consistency a great soul simply has nothing to do. . . .Speak what you think now in hard words, and tomorrow speak what tomorrow thinks in hard words again, though it contradict everything you said today.
8. To be great is to be misunderstood.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Paraphrase each quote: what does it mean? Restate in plain language that retains the meaning of the quote.