

AGREE OR DISAGREE?

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

For each quotation, please indicate whether you Agree (A) or Disagree (D) with the statement:

- _____ 1. "I'm really very sorry for you all, but it's an unjust world, and virtue is triumphant only in theatrical performances." (W. S. Gilbert, *The Mikado*)

- _____ 2. "You just need to be a flea against injustice. Enough committed fleas biting strategically can make even the biggest dog uncomfortable and transform even the biggest nation." (Marian Wright Edelman)

- _____ 3. "Justice is my being allowed to do whatever I like. Injustice is whatever prevents my doing so." (Samuel Johnson)

- _____ 4. "Some things you must always be unable to bear. Some things you must never stop refusing to bear. Injustice and outrage and dishonor and shame. No matter how young you are or how old you have got. Not for kudos and not for cash: your picture in the paper nor money in the bank either. Just refuse to bear them." (William Faulkner, *Intruder in the Dust*)

- _____ 5. "I guess the only time most people think about injustice is when it happens to them."
(Charles Bukowski, *Ham on Rye*)

- _____ 6. "It takes great courage to open one's heart and mind to the tremendous injustice and suffering in our world." (Vincent A. Gallagher, *The True Cost of Low Prices: The Violence of Globalization*)

- _____ 7. "Do not make the mistake of thinking that you have to agree with people and their beliefs to defend them from injustice." (Bryant McGill, *Voice of Reason*)

Figure 7.1

AGREE OR DISAGREE? (Continued)

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_____ 8. "When you take a stand against injustice inflicted upon innocent people, there will be those who will hate you for it." (Ellen J. Barrier)

_____ 9. "Injustice in the end produces independence." (Voltaire)

_____ 10. "I am a person who is unhappy with things as they stand. We cannot accept the world as it is. Each day we should wake up foaming at the mouth because of the injustice of things." (Hugo Claus)

_____ 11. "It's hard not to empathize with the mayor's anger, given the injustices he'd suffered, but righteous anger rarely leads to wise policy." (Edward L. Glaeser, *Triumph of the City: How Our Greatest Invention Makes Us Richer, Smarter, Greener, Healthier, and Happier*)

_____ 12. "In the beginning there was only a small amount of injustice abroad in the world, but everyone who came afterwards added their portion, always thinking it was very small and unimportant, and look where we have ended up today." (Paulo Coelho, *The Devil and Miss Prym*)

_____ 13. "Each time a man 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 those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." (Robert F. Kennedy)

_____ 14. "I believe that our identity is at risk. That when we don't actually care about these difficult things, the positive and wonderful things are nonetheless implicated. We love innovation, we love technology, we love creativity, we love entertainment—but ultimately those realities are shadowed by suffering, abuse, degradation, marginalization. . . . We will not be fully human until we connect with injustice." (Bryan Stevenson)

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