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The Kite Runner

Directions: Next to each statement, write whether you agree or disagree with the statement. Then, explain your reasoning and give an example for support.

Statement	Agree/Disagree	Why?
<p>1. Guilt and Redemption</p> <p>Those who suffer at the hands of oppressors (evil doers) will succeed in the end.</p>		
<p>2. Loyalty and Friendship</p> <p>Remaining silent is the best choice in certain situations.</p>		
<p>3. Man's Inhumanity to Man</p> <p>Human beings do not treat each other compassionately; in fact, human beings are cruel to each other.</p>		
<p>4. Loss of Innocence</p> <p>Events and choices from your early years make you the person you are today.</p>		
<p>5. Relationships between parents and children</p> <p>Children should strive to live up to their parents' expectations.</p>		



With your seat partner, discuss your responses. Together, identify which statement you believe is the **least** accurate and explain here.



On your own, respond to the following questions in a well- written paragraph.

1. What does shame mean? What are common experiences that might cause people to feel shame? What are the effects of shame?

2. What does courage mean? What are some examples of courage? When have your, or people you know displayed courage?

3. The root of the word courage is *cor*, the Latin word for heart. Courage originally meant, “to speak one’s mind by telling all one’s heart.” Over time this definition has changed, and today, courage is synonymous with being heroic or performing brave deeds. Which definition do you agree with most: the earliest form or today’s? Explain.

4. If courage is speaking out, then what is shame? Explain your definition below.