

WORLD HISTORY

THIS ASSIGNMENT IS OPTIONAL

Due Friday, September 6, 2019

Book: Ishmael: An Adventure of the Mind and Spirit by Daniel Quinn

(Please do not confuse this book with My Ishmael by the same author.)

Thought-Provoking Questions:

Please answer these on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why do you think Ishmael doesn't just simply lecture and tell his "student" all of his ideas up front?
2. According to Ishmael.....
 - 2A. Who are The Takers?
 - 2B. What is Mother Culture?
 - 2C. Who are The Leavers?
3. (Look this up on the computer.)
 - Briefly explain what the "Neolithic Revolution" was.
 - What do you think the most important aspect of the "Neolithic Revolution" was? Why
4. What aspects of the "Taker society" does the book say does not work? Why? (This is a central concept in the book so if you read the book, you can answer it.)
5. From what laws does Ishmael suggest that Takers exempt themselves from? In other words, what basic laws are the Takers not following? (Again, this is a central theme throughout the book.)
6. Based on what you read, think about society today and give TWO examples of how we see "Taker society" all around us today. Are there any examples of "Leaver society" left in the world?
7. Have some fun with this question: Write your own definition for the word "civilization."
8. Although Ishmael discusses the problems with Taker Society, there are advantages. Think. What TWO advantages could there be to this kind of society?