

American Literature
Study Guide - Self-Reliance.tgt

Name: _____ Date: _____

Recall the ideas presented in the essay. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. What does Emerson think is necessary for one to "be a man"?

2. What does Emerson think about values such as "good" and "bad"?

3. What is the only law that Emerson feels should be sacred to him?

4. How does Emerson feel about people contradicting themselves?

5. What does Emerson think about misunderstood people?

Answer one of the following questions based on your understanding of the selection. (16 points)

6. Is self-reliance as Emerson describes it difficult to obtain? Support your opinion with reference to the selection and your own ideas.

7. Do you think it is easier for a wealthy person or a poor person to be self-reliant in the way that Emerson describes it? Support your answer with details from the selection and your own ideas.