

***The Stranger* by Albert Camus**

Introduction to Existential Philosophy - Journal Entry #1

Answer the following questions using complete sentences. Keep these responses in your notebook.

1. Vocabulary- paraphrase the vocabulary word definitions from LIST 1 in your own words (preordained, predestination, existentialism, absurd, paradox, oxymoron, conscious).
2. Ask yourself the following questions and write your response:
 - a. What is the meaning of life? Is it all preordained or is it random coincidence?
 - b. What is the meaning of my existence? Why am I here?
 - c. Where do I fit in the world?
 - d. What is important to me in life? (Freedom, knowledge, belongings, etc.)
 - e. What characteristics of self are important to me?
 - f. How do I view myself in relation to the rest of the world?
 - g. Am I really the same person that people view me to be? Explain.

Introduction to Existential Philosophy - Journal Entry #2: Ego

1. Who am I? What makes me who I am? Where do my ideas of who I am come from?

Journal Entry #3 - After reading chapters 1-3 in Part 1

1. Write a page about Meursault's character. What kind of person is he?

Journal Entry #4 - After chapters 4-5: Relationships

1. Discuss the relationships in your life. Why are humans drawn to relationships?
2. Record the behaviors that show if Meursault is a sociopath or psychopath
3. Record the behaviors that show if he is a dynamic or static/flat character.
4. Vocab list 2: Look up the following definitions: complacent, incoherent, zeal, zealous, zealot, meticulous, vaudeville, furtive, parallelism

Journal Entry #5: Conscience

1. What is it? Where does it come from? Does this affect Meursault's morality?
2. What is evil? What causes people to act in evil ways?
3. Are people evil or are their behaviors evil?
4. Preconventional vs. conventional vs. postconventional morality.