

CRITICAL THINKING PERSPECTIVE

Use the following critical thinking questions to help foster an open, student-led discussion on the theme(s) discussed in this episode of The Harbor.

1. **TO HELP ILLUSTRATE THE TOPIC, MIKE DESCRIBES A CAR ACCIDENT HE WAS IN WHERE EACH DRIVER INVOLVED HAD A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT HAD HAPPENED.**

Have you ever been in a situation where the people involved remembered the course of events very differently?

If so, how did your perspective differ from that of others? Moreover, how did you come to an agreement on what actually transpired?

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2. **MIKE BELIEVES THAT IF YOU CAN'T LEARN TO GAIN A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE ON THE WORLD, YOU RUN THE RISK OF BECOMING " . . . STUCK IN YOUR TINY LITTLE BUBBLE."**

What does he mean by this? Have you ever felt like you were stuck in a bubble?

If so, how did you get yourself out of the bubble? What did you learn as a result?

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3. **MIKE SAYS THAT HE SEES A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SEEM TO HAVE THE PERSPECTIVE OF, "I'M GOING TO DO WHAT'S EASIEST FOR ME, NOT WHAT'S BEST FOR EVERYBODY ELSE."**

Do you agree with Mike's claim? Why or why not? Be thorough in your answer.

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4. **MIKE OFFERS SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP GROW YOUR PERSPECTIVE: LIVE IN THE MOMENT; FOCUS ON BEING LOVING OVER BEING RIGHT; BE GRATEFUL; HELP OTHERS; AND LEARN TO BE A SPECTATOR OF YOUR OWN THOUGHTS.**

Choose one of Mike's ideas for growing your perspective and list out three ways you could implement it in your day-to-day life.

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5. **A LOT OF PEOPLE USE SOCIAL MEDIA AS A MEANS OF CONVINCING OTHERS THAT THEIR PERSPECTIVE IS RIGHT, BUT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, THESE POSTS BECOME AN ECHO CHAMBER WHERE NO ONE ENDS UP CHANGING THEIR PERSPECTIVE IN THE SLIGHTEST.**

Think of an online conversation like this that you've seen or participated in.

What could the participants have done differently to help expand their perspective or the perspectives of those involved?

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