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# CRITICAL THINKING VON MILLER

*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.*

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**1. VON SAYS HE LOVED BEING IN HIGH SCHOOL AND DESCRIBED HIS HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AS BEING FOCUSED ON FOOTBALL, FRIENDS, AND GETTING GOOD GRADES.**

*If you were asked 10 years from now to describe your high school experience, what would you say?*

**2. VON SAYS HE WANTED TO “FIT IN” WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, BUT THEN FOUND THAT BEING TRUE TO HIMSELF WAS MORE IMPORTANT.**

*Which path have you found to be more important in your life? Do you think being true to yourself comes from one big conscious decision or could it be lots of small decisions that add together over time?*

**3. VON SAYS THAT, “WHENEVER YOU ARE YOURSELF TO THE FULLEST, YOU’LL BE UNIQUE ‘CAUSE THERE’S ONLY ONE YOU.”**

*What does he mean when he says, “Whenever you are yourself to the fullest, . . .”?*

*What do you think that looks like? When have you found that you are yourself to the fullest?*

**4. VON TRIED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND SAID THAT, “[HE] WAS REALLY JUST TRYING TO FIND WHAT IT WAS THAT WAS GOING TO TAKE [HIM] TO THE NEXT LEVEL.”**

*How do you think he decided which sport to stick with? If you’re deciding which sports or activities to keep doing, what factors should you consider in your decision?*

**5. REITERATING ADVICE FROM HIS FATHER, VON SAYS THAT “. . . YOU REALLY CAN’T HIDE TALENT.”**

*What do you think he means by this? What are the benefits and disadvantages of not being able to hide things about yourself, especially positive characteristics?*





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