

Age of Reason: Anticipation Guide

Please rank the following statements (write the letter to the left of the question).

A = Always true of me.

S = Sometimes true of me.

N= Never true of me.

1. I tend to make decisions that are rational, logical, and analytical most of the time. I like to think things through before making any decision.
2. I am most convinced by facts, statistics, and other kinds of evidence. Testimonials of how something worked for some person in backwoods Tennessee (sorry, Ms. Wu) does not work for me. I need a large statistical sample, thank you very much. Show me the numbers!
3. I think people who express extreme emotions are, shall we say, a little loopy. They have unnecessary drama in their lives.
4. I have a hard time crying. Neither the eyes of the puppy dog that the Humane Society shows in their advertisements nor the sight of starving children in Africa moves me to tears. Don't get me wrong—I care about orphaned dogs and starving children. I just don't cry over them.
5. I pride myself on how I can think clearly in stressful situations and offer practical solutions quickly. I should be a Marine or CIA agent or that guy/girl on the new show *Fringe* but not Chuck. Definitely not Chuck.
6. I like reading the news (news being *The New York Times* or other credible sources—not *The National Enquirer*).
7. When my friends tell me what they did over the weekend, I just want to know what they did. I don't need all the gory details. Just the facts, ma'am. Short, simple, to the point.
8. Tina Fey as Sarah Palin was perhaps *the* funniest political SNL skit ever. I derive extreme pleasure in watching political satire such as this one.
9. Jon Stewart is my hero. I would like to have his sense of humor. He and Stephen Colbert...
10. I care about a leader's character. Even if what the leader says has merit, if that person lacks integrity or is in any way hypocritical, I have difficulty believing anything that leader says. (Think: Bill Clinton, John Edwards...)
11. I believe there are some things in life worth dying for such as love, freedom, or justice. I would give my life for the ideals I am passionate about.
12. I like it when speakers tell personal stories in speeches. That helps me connect with the speaker and their message.
13. I consider myself a person with a lot of virtues. I may not be perfect, but there are virtues (morals, ideals for living) that I try to attain in my life like honesty, diligence, excellence, etc.
14. I believe that war is sometimes necessary to bring order, justice, freedom, and ultimately peace.
15. I believe in human progress, the continuing evolution and perfection of humanity through education.
16. When I vote for president, I am voting for president on policy issues, political ideology, and qualifications and experience, not personality, charisma, or physical appearance.