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Romanticism Anticipation Guide

Would you rather be Romantic (Big R), romantic (little r), or reasonable?

Directions: Please read the statements below and check the letter of the item you would rather do. Please also write a rationale for WHY you prefer this item.

1) Would you rather...

A___ Go on an all-expenses paid dinner date at the top of the Eiffel Tower with custom made clothing and a custom made gourmet meal in a limo taking you everywhere you want to go OR

B___ Go on an all-expenses paid summer backpacking trip to Europe with a free Eurorail pass (the train that runs throughout Europe), backpack, hand sanitizer, and a Lonely Planet Guide?

Why? _____

Write your rationale.

2) Would you rather...

A___ Watch a comedy OR

B___ Watch a horror film?

Why? _____

3) Would you rather...

A___ Have a picture of you and your significant other in your wallet OR

B___ A picture of a place you would like to travel to one day?

Why? _____

4) Would you rather...

A___ Send flowers, chocolate, and a nice card to your mother on Mother's Day OR

B___ Send your mother on a safari cruise going down the Nile River in Egypt armed with mosquito netting and malaria pills?

Why? _____

5) Would you rather...

A___ Write reviews of the best restaurants and wineries in the Bay Area (with dinner "research" expenses paid, of course) OR

B___ Be a photographer/documentary film maker for National Geographic?

Why? _____

6) Would you rather...

A___ Trust reason and facts OR

B___ Your intuition, imagination, and gut instinct?

Why? _____

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7) Would you rather...

A___ Have an analytical mind that can construct the tightest arguments OR

B___ An imagination that inspires people with vision and creativity?

Why? _____

8) Would you rather...

A___ Report things as they happen OR

B___ Embellish stories to make them more interesting (sticking with the basic facts, of course)?

Why? _____

9) Would you rather...

A___ Read the newspaper or watch political comedy OR

B___ Read a mystery or horror book that scares you so badly you have trouble sleeping at night?

Why? _____

10) Would you rather...

A___ Understand how nature works through science OR

B___ Write poetry about nature, caring little about its scientific explanation?

Why? _____

11) Would you rather...

A___ Stay informed about what is happening in the world OR

B___ Create interesting stories of what *could* happen in the world with your imagination?

Why? _____

12) Would you rather...

A___ Go on a date with someone you really like OR

B___ Take a walk in nature to reflect on how life is going?

Why? _____

13) Would you rather...

A___ Seek to understand humanity generally OR

B___ Understand the specific experiences of individuals?

Why? _____

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14) Would you rather...

A ___ Live in the present and look towards the future OR

B ___ Delve into your past to understand your history deeply?

Why? _____

15) Would you rather...

A ___ Have a relatively steady, structured, predictable experience of English class OR

B ___ Have an unpredictable, “Ms. Wu could show up in Goth clothes and dark makeup and be a gypsy the next day,” kind of experience? Seriously. Weigh the options.

Why? _____

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AFTER YOU HAVE GONE ON SPEED DATES

Post-Speed Dating Reflection Questions

1) Who gave a response that surprised you and why?

2) What question did you enjoy discussing the most and why?

3) What did you learn about yourself through this exercise? Would you rather be Romantic (Big R—typically the second statement), romantic (little r—typically the first statement), or reasonable? Why?

4) Based on the questions, what inferences can you make about what being Romantic in the literary sense looks like versus being romantic in the social sense?

5) Given the “Would you rather?” statements, what values and beliefs can you infer that are likely associated with literary Romanticism?