



**THUS ONLY A FEW,
BY CULTIVATING
THEIR OWN MINDS, HAVE
SUCCEEDED IN FREEING
THEMSELVES FROM
IMMATURETY
AND IN CONTINUING
BOLDLY ON THEIR WAY**

**What
happened to
reflective
thinking?**

Part A:

1. All of our own thoughts are influenced by other things i.e experiences, relationships, and everything we examine.

2. There is a large culture of people wanting to belong and “fit in,” so people will not share how they really feel because of fear of ostracization.

3. Cultural and societal stereotypes make it difficult for young people to see and think past the restraints

**What would
Kant say to
this idea?**

Now discuss the following question and its 2 subparts:

- a) Why do you think that it is so difficult, in the United States, to cultivate the notion that citizens/students need to think for themselves?
- b) Again for the US and its institutions, what barriers get in the way that effectively thwart any citizen attempt to think for themselves?

Truly, this earth is a trophy cup for the industrious man. And this rightly so, in the service of natural selection. He who does not possess the force to secure his Lebensraum in this world, and, if necessary, to enlarge it, does not deserve to possess the necessities of life. He must step aside and allow stronger peoples to pass him by.”

Part B:

1. The Media: Agenda Setting Theory

2. Another way that citizens lose their ability to “think for themselves” is in education, particularly when the subjects they are taught are spread with large bias. For example, many textbooks withhold information about certain time periods — many textbooks in the south, specifically Texas, do not educate their students on the civil war

3. Individual thinking is largely dependent on some level of intelligence. For many Americans, they do not achieve that level and find it much easier and faster to find usable information mainly through the internet.

Shouldn't education be about exploration instead of teaching dogma?? Why isn't it?

Isn't this bullshit?