

Day 50 March 22/23

due April 19/20

Here is your IR Project. Read it over.

We are going to study the meanings of many proverbs. You will have to "insert" ten of these into your IR book and write a brief explanation telling why the proverb fits on that particular page.

But first, we need to learn these proverbs.
What exactly is a proverb?

A proverb is

- an old,
- anonymous
- wise & practical

saying

They are a substitute for schooling and book learning, in rural communities in the past where people could not easily attend school for long.

Are proverbs a better substitute for our "sophisticated" modern knowledge?

Copy this proverb in your binder on a clean sheet of paper, (label today's date) and explain what it means.

"A leopard cannot change its spots."

A) Literally, what does the saying mean?

B) How does it apply to people? (What do the "spots" represent relating to people?)

C) Explain by giving an example of the truth of this proverb. Think of a story you've read that fits this proverb OR make up your own story or anecdote.

Proverbs are like **theme statements**. Even proverbs about animals are really about human beings.

Tips for interpreting a proverb:

- See if the proverb makes sense on a common sense, literal level: "Leopards cannot move their spots or take them away."
- Ask, "What does each part of the proverb stand for?" The leopard stands for a person; the spots stand for personality or nature.
- Keep Guessing. You should arrive at a theme - a statement about human nature.
- Support your idea with a story you have read or made up.

#5 "Marry in haste repent at leisure."

___**A**___ Get married too quickly, and you may regret it for the rest of your life. ___**B**___ If you rush into a decision without carefully considering, you may regret your choice for a long time afterward. ___**C**___ Jack was offered a spot on a rival travel team. He jumped at the opportunity, but his parents warned him to take his time and consider carefully. He would not be able to switch back to his old team if he did not like the new one.

#5. Marry in haste, repent at leisure.

A) If you get married too quickly, you will have plenty of time to regret and suffer for your hasty decision.

B) If you do something important without thinking carefully or taking the time to consider, you will regret or suffer for your rash decision.

C) Jack & Jill fell in love with a new house; they purchased it without getting the house inspected. Soon after they moved in the pipes exploded and the electricity short circuited. They could not sell the house.

Each of you will be given a few proverbs to research and explain to your classmates.

#8 A man is known by the company he keeps.

A.

B.

C.

#8 "A Man is known by the company he keeps."

_____ People will form the opinion they have of you based upon your companions. ____ Your friends and associates will determine the reputation you have.

_____ Teachers began suspecting Jack of cheating; they unfairly accused him of writing on desks and stealing someone's iPod. Jack couldn't figure out why he was always being suspected and accused. One day his older cousin explained everything. "Jack, look at the group of hooligans you hang around with. You may be innocent, but they are not. 'A man ...' "

#22. You made your bed; now you must lie in it.

_____ If you do a poor job making your bed, you will have an uncomfortable night's sleep. _____ If you perform a task poorly, you must live with the consequences. _____

Jill let Janice copy parts of her homework. The teacher noticed the similarities. Now, both Jill and Janice are in trouble and in detention. Jill's parents refused to call the school to try to get Jill out of detention. They said to Jill, "...