

January 19, 2022 day 81

To-do list **in this order in study hall:**

- Type essay
- Hand in rubric stapled to rough draft
- Test corrections
- HW 18 in Google Classroom
- I-Ready

Today: **Proverbs!** What is a **proverb**?

A **proverb** is

- an old,
- anonymous
- wise & practical

**saying**

**Proverbs** 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 notebook on a clean sheet of paper, (label today's date) and explain what it means.

"A leopard cannot change its spots."

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- 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.

**a) literal:**

a leopard cannot alter, move, change the color or shape of its spots (markings)

**b) apply to people or broaden the topic:**

a person cannot change his or her natural tendencies, personality, characteristics

**c) connect to, or make up, a story:**

Jack ...

### 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 any important 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.