

“Self Reliance” by Ralph Waldo Emerson
Active Listening Chart

Name _____

After you have chosen a quote or passage from Emerson’s “Self-Reliance,” develop a position that explains why you agree, disagree or otherwise feel strongly about it. Include the quote, your interpretation of that quote, and why you feel the way you do about it; improve the validity of your position by supporting with personal examples. You will then listen to the positions of at least three other students. Using active reading strategies, determine the speaker’s main idea and reflect on his or her view with your own response. Using your Active Listening Chart, choose another student’s perspective and compare/contrast with yours in 2-3 paragraphs.

My quote or passage: _____

My interpretation: _____

My position: _____

Speaker 1: _____

Main Idea: _____

My response:

Speaker 2: _____

Main Idea: _____

My response:

Speaker 3: _____

Main Idea: _____

My response:

Speaker 4: _____

Main Idea: _____

My response: