

WORK ETHIC LESSON 1

“Entitlement”

Introduction- We live in a time when so many young people believe they are “entitled” to things or benefits that they have not worked for and simply do not deserve. In this lesson, you will examine your life and take a good hard look at your belief system and how you feel “entitled” to certain things in life. You will also do some real serious reflection as to “why” you feel entitled to things you don’t deserve and haven’t worked for. Hopefully, this writing will help you understand why entitlement is such a problem and why a change from this way of thinking can make you a better employee and most importantly, a better person.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cPuH8jg5nQ> Take a look at this video from Eric Chester on Entitlement.

In your paper this week, write your thoughts to the following questions. 2 pages typed is the format we will use throughout the year. Proper spelling and punctuation are expected. All papers will be typed. No exceptions. You are to **freely give your opinion** and will never lose points if your opinion disagrees with the teacher. Grading is simple. An A or an F. Make an effort and write a well thought out paper and you will receive an A. Do a marginal effort and you will get an F. Plain and simple. In the real world of work you will be paid to give an excellent effort, each and every day. Marginal effort in the workforce results in you getting fired, your company suffering the consequences of your poor effort, and customers not getting what they deserve and paid for. So with that being said, start out with good work ethic on the papers you write.

1. Define the word “entitlement” from the dictionary.
2. Reflect on the “things” in life that you feel entitled to. List and describe them and explain why you feel entitled to them.
3. Why do you think your generation believes that they should receive so much without working for it?
4. What do you “give up” as a person when you live with a spirit of entitlement?
5. Why is entitlement a very dangerous thing for you personally, for our communities, and our nation as a whole?
6. List all the things you receive in life that you truly don’t deserve or that someone else has worked for and you get the benefit.
7. After making the list for question number 6, how did it make you feel about your personal views of entitlement and how you live your life?