

Key/p#	Note (the bottom 3 must be questions recorded as you read)

Questions. Leave nothing blank. Answer with a question if you are uncertain.

1. The chapter is titled “Three Malaises.” What are the three malaises? Why are they described as malaises? Describe one example, used by Taylor, of each of these three malaises. (This answer should be detailed as it asks you to describe and explain the structure of the first chapter.)
2. Both Kierkegaard and Nietzsche are mentioned in this chapter. Given what we learned about these two men last semester, how do their ideas fit into the subject of this chapter?
3. What are boosters and knockers? Is Taylor a booster or a knocker? Explain your answer
4. What is Taylor’s goal in this book?
5. Explain the role each of the following ideas, phrases or people play in Taylor’s argument. In some cases this may mean defining what the term or phrase means, and in some cases this requires you to predict meaning based on context.
 - A. Nietzsche’s “Pitiable comfort” - 4
 - B. Alexander de Tocqueville - 4, 9
 - C. “Enclosed in their own hearts” 9
 - D. “Flattens and narrows” - 4
 - E. “Device paradigm” - 7
 - F. Weber’s “Iron Cage” - 8
 - G. “Immense tutelary power” - 9
 - H. “Soft despotism” - 9
 - I. “Atomism” - 9
 - J. “Culture of Narcissism” - 11

For discussion (do not answer in writing):

Are you a booster or a knocker?

Is Mr. Haydock a booster or a knocker?

This book was written in 1992. If Taylor were updating the book for today, what contemporary examples might he identify of the three malaises?