

Taylor, Chapter 2 Study Template - You must use this template if handwritten.

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1. Who is Alan Bloom and what is his argument?
2. Does Taylor agree or disagree with the ideas of Alan Bloom and other similar thinkers? Explain Taylor's position here.
3. How does Taylor define the term "authenticity" in chapter 2?
4. According to Taylor, why do the proponents of "authenticity" have a hard time defending their position?
5. What is "Moral subjectivism" and what are the implications of this idea?
6. Taylor argues throughout the chapter that the debate over authenticity as a moral ideal has been muddled obscured. Why is this so?
7. Why does Taylor believe that serious thinking about authenticity as a moral ideal is so important?
8. Why is this chapter titled "the inarticulate debate?"
9. Terms
 - Relativism (14)
 - "Narcissism" and "Hedonism" in the context of critics of authenticity (16)
 - Liberalism of neutrality (17)
 - "the individualism of self fulfillment" (14)

Discussion prompts - Don't answer in writing

Do you agree or disagree with Alan Bloom's assessment of modern youth?

Are you a relativist?

Do you believe that the idea of authenticity is capable of sustaining a moral or ethical framework? What exactly does this mean?