

“Gentleman of Río en Medio” by Juan A. A. Sedillo

Writing About the Big Question



Is truth the same for everyone?

Big Question Vocabulary

bias	confirm	contradict	doubtful	evidence
factual	fantasy	illogical	investigate	objective
observation	opinion	persuade	prove	theory

A. Use a word from the list above to complete each sentence.

1. To any sensible person, it would seem _____ for a man to turn down extra money for his property.
2. You would not usually have to try to _____ someone to accept more money.
3. To _____ someone’s false claim of land ownership, the real owner would have to produce a deed to the land.
4. Neighbors generally have a high _____ of a person who is generous and kind.

B. Follow the directions in responding to each of the items below. Answer in complete sentences.

1. Suppose that a group of neighbors turns an empty, abandoned lot into a community vegetable garden. Then, someone presents evidence of ownership of the land. Write two sentences supporting your opinion of who you think should get the vegetables.

2. What fantasy do you have about a perfect children’s park? Which parts of your fantasy could actually come true? Write two sentences to answer these questions, using at least two of the Big Question vocabulary words.

C. In “Gentleman of Río an Medio,” an old man becomes involved in a dispute over the value of property. Complete the sentence below. Then, write a short paragraph in which you connect your answer to the Big Question.

A person selling a house may be biased about his or her property because
