



Respond to a Quote by a Philosopher



Great writers not only support their ideas with evidence and reasoning, but they dazzle readers with their depth of thought.

You need to choose a quote to respond to, and decide if you agree or disagree with that statement.

Be sure you write 250 words or more, and be sure you support your ideas with ample evidence and reasoning.



Socrates

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The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.



Søren Kierkegaard

@SorenKierkegaard

Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.



Plato

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Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.



Aristotle

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Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom.

Respond to your quote below:

If someone were to wrong you - Naturally, your first instinct is to say something back. Perhaps if in a conversation, you may find yourself to be the type of person to talk rather than listen - even if it's about the most random things. Sure, it's perfectly fine to be able to say your piece or talk about what you feel - maybe even say something snarky in efforts to defend your name. However, have you ever considered to maybe take a step back to simply listen and reconsider what you're going to say before you say anything at all?

Perhaps instead of saying something snappy or petty back - You can cool yourself to truly gain some self-control in order really register what to do. briantolentino.com
Maybe even try to tone down the amount of speaking you have to do in

order to give the other person a chance to speak. Reconsider your words to go from simple, bland responses to considerate, thoughtful ones. Instead of speaking simply to talk, keep a conversation going, or say something back - do so in a way that is with great meaning and integrity. This goes back to Plato's famous quote: "Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something."

You can learn a lot with both listening and give of a better persona for carefully choosing your words. Who knows - Maybe the next time someone gets you ticked off instead of saying something you may regret later, give yourself a moment to truly think of how to approach next and think of what you're going to say. For you may even seem wiser and more mature in the end, rather than feeling as though you fooled yourself in front of everyone watching.