

Standards in General

1. Discuss some of the standards mentioned on page 140. Are you familiar with any similar, but different, standards in other countries or cultures?

2. Compare and contrast some God-made, or natural, standards with human-made standards.

3. Do you think the following statement is True or False?

"Moral, though invisible, courses exist for human interrelationships just as much as visible roads exist for travel." Defend your answer.

4. Discuss a contemporary issue that involves attempts to redefine a standard.

- What is the original standard?
- Where did the standard originate?
- Is it a moral standard, political standard, scientific standard, or some other kind of standard?
- Does the standard have multiple layers, such as a moral component as well as practical or political elements?
- What change is proposed?
- Why is the change proposed?
- How is the change supposed to be enacted or enforced?
- What outcomes would occur if the standard is changed?

5. Discuss the concept of "sin."

6. Discuss the concept of "feelings."

7. Discuss the merits or pitfalls of "feelings" and "facts" in an argument or in decision-making.

8. What are some of your personal standards?

9. Discuss the origin(s) of some of your personal standards.

10. What do you think about the outcome of Homer and Pandora's plight? Do you agree or disagree with the Society Board's action?

11. What do you think about Walt and Homer's efforts to found the town of Justice?

12. Have you ever been punished for violating a standard? Describe and discuss.