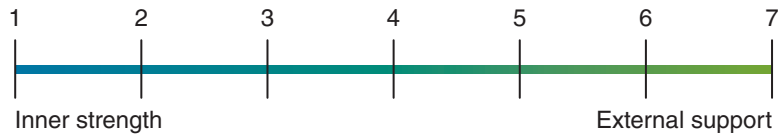
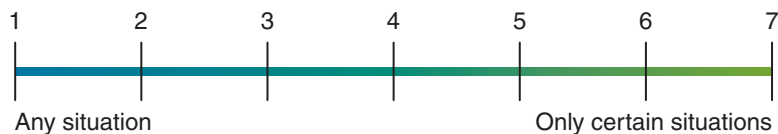


Writing an Argument Based on “Learning to Read” by Malcolm X

Scale A: Based on his account of learning to read, Malcolm X would most likely argue that resilience is primarily a product of



Scale B: Malcolm X implies that the ability to overcome setbacks can be found in



Writing Portfolio

Rank the following factors according to how significantly you think they contributed to Malcolm X's ability to overcome the setbacks he faced in his life prior to and during his time in prison. Place a "1" next to the most significant factor.

- _____ His relationship with Elijah Muhammad
- _____ His skill as a hustler
- _____ Copying pages from the dictionary
- _____ Participating in weekly debates
- _____ Learning about the world from books

Now, write a short argumentative paragraph in which you explain and justify your rankings.

The most significant factor that contributed to Malcolm X's resilience was _____ . Another significant factor was _____ . _____ and _____ , on the other hand, were not as significant. As I see it, there is evidence to suggest that the most important factors that contribute to resilience are _____ and _____ . For instance, [here you need to provide evidence to support your first factor]. This shows that [now, provide a warrant to show how your evidence connects to your understanding of resilience]. Another kind of evidence worth considering is [here you need to provide a second, different kind of evidence to support your second factor]. This shows that [now, provide a warrant to show how your evidence connects to your understanding of resilience].