

World Studies, Level 4 (N202134)

Ishmael: A Novel, Daniel Quinn

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Synopsis:

A disillusioned man comes across a strange personal ad which reads “Teacher seeks pupil... Apply in person.” However odd it seems, he is a man in need, and so goes to meet this teacher. What begins as strange gets even stranger as this teacher turns out to be not quite what he expected. His new teacher challenges his pupil with the greatest dilemmas faced by modern man, provocative ideas of our past history, and a search for the truth about our future.

Assignment:

1. As you read, identify and **annotate** (by writing notes in the margins of your book) for the main arguments that Ishmael makes in his dialogue about the advance of civilization and the moral dilemmas that he says humanity faces. In addition, note **why** each event is important to Ishmael’s observations about civilization.
2. In the front or back cover of your book, write a three-sentence paragraph response to both of the questions below:
 - Do you agree with Ishmael’s arguments? Which and why?
 - What do you think of Ishmael’s solution? Is it possible, or practical?

