

## **Impromptu Round 1 - Quotations**

### **Speaker 1**

1. "Train up a fig tree in the way it should go, and when you are old sit under the shade of it."  
-Charles Dickens
2. "If one is to be called a liar, one may as well make an effort to deserve the name." -A. A. Milne
3. "Women are the real architects of society." -Harriet Beecher Stowe

### **Speaker 2**

1. "Personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open." -Elmer G. Letterman
2. "What I look forward to is continued immaturity followed by death." -Dave Barry
3. "The point of quotations is that one can use another's words to be insulting." -Amanda Cross

### **Speaker 3**

1. "He who laughs last didn't get it." -Helen Giangregorio
2. "The particular human chain we're part of is central to our individual identity." -Elizabeth Stone
3. "Fathers send their sons to college either because they went to college or because they didn't." -  
L. L. Henderson

### **Speaker 4**

1. "Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends." -Maya Angelou
2. "Why do writers write? Because it isn't there." -Thomas Berger
3. "I have discovered that all human evil comes from this: mans being unable to sit still in a room." -Blaise Pascal

### **Speaker 5**

1. "Of one thing I am certain, the body is not the measure of healing - peace is the measure." -George Melton
2. "The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it." -Franklin P. Jones
3. "Going to the opera, like getting drunk, is a sin that carries its own punishment with it." -Hannah More

### **Speaker 6**

1. "It is cruel to discover one's mediocrity only when it is too late." -W. Somerset Maugham
2. "Politeness is one half good nature and the other half good lying." -Mary Wilson Little
3. "BEFRIEND: To make an ingrate." -Ambrose Bierce

### **Speaker 7**

1. "If the shoe fits, it's too expensive." -Adrienne Gusoff
2. "Cynically speaking, one could say that it is true to life to be cynical about it." -Paul Tillich
3. "Having something to say is overrated." -Adair Lara

## IMP Round 2 Quotations

### Speaker 1

1. "You should always believe what you read in the newspapers, for that makes them more interesting." -Rose Macauley
2. "To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best day and night to make you like everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight and never stop fighting." -e e cummings
3. "No cause, no God, no abstract idea can justify the mass slaughter of innocents." -Edward Said

### Speaker 2

1. "I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage." -Erma Bombeck
2. "Chase after truth like hell and you'll free yourself, even though you never touch its coat-tails." -Clarence Darrow
3. "Excessive literary production is a social offense." -May Ann Evans

### Speaker 3

1. "Everyone makes a greater effort to hurt other people than to help himself." -Alexis Carrel
2. "It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place." -H. L. Mencken
3. "The surest way to make a monkey of a man is to quote him." -Robert Benchley

### Speaker 4

1. "The only aspect of our travels that is interesting to others is disaster." -Martha Gellman
2. "The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found." -Calvin Trillin
3. "What a pity, when Christopher Columbus discovered America, that he ever mentioned it." -Margot Asquith

### Speaker 5

1. "The most dangerous strategy is to jump a chasm in two leaps." -Benjamin Disraeli
2. "When you own or take responsibility for your feelings, you place yourself in a position of power and control." -Julie A. Ross
3. "If age imparted wisdom, there wouldn't be any old fools." -Claudia Young

### Speaker 6

1. "Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence." -Abigail Adams
2. "To knock a thing down, especially if it is cocked at an arrogant angle, is a deep delight of the blood." -George Santayana
3. "Everything you've learned in school as "obvious" becomes less and less obvious as you begin to study the universe." -R. Buckminster Fuller

### Speaker 7

1. "The only man who is really free is the one who can turn down an invitation to dinner without giving an excuse." -Jules Renard
2. "Here's a rule I recommend: Never practice two vices at once." -Tallulah Bankhead
3. "There are only two ways of telling the complete truth--anonymously and posthumously." -Thomas Sowell

## ***IMP Finals-Critical Quotations***

### **Speaker 1**

1. "Only good girls keep diaries. Bad girls don't have time." -Tallulah Bankhead
2. "There's the country of America, which you have to defend, but there's also the idea of America. America is more than just a country, it's an idea. An idea that's supposed to be contagious." -Bono
3. "I have the ability to make that white man know I am just as mean as anybody in this world." -Larry Itliong

### **Speaker 2**

1. "A specification that will not fit on one page of 8.5x11 inch paper cannot be understood." -Mark Ardis
2. "In all recorded history there has not been one economist who has had to worry about where the next meal would come from." -Peter Drucker
3. "It really fascinates me what white people are allowed to write about." -bell hooks

### **Speaker 3**

1. "War is cruel and you cannot refine it." -William Tecumseh Sherman
2. "Lots of people think they're charitable if they give away their old clothes and things they don't want." -Myrtle Reed
3. "The oppressors do not favor promoting the community as a whole, but rather, selected leaders." -Paulo Freire

### **Speaker 4**

1. "Democracy consists of choosing your dictators, after they've told you what you think it is you want to hear." -Alan Corenk
2. "I'm not missing a minute of this. It's the revolution!" -Sylvia Rivera
3. "When we say 'Asian American' we are talking about so much more than can be fit in a single stereotype." -Ijeoma Oluo

### **Speaker 5**

1. "I'd rather be just a Korean musician as opposed to, you know, a K-Pop musician." -Tablo, of Epik high
2. "Once a woman has forgiven a man, she must not reheat his sins for breakfast." -Marlene Dietrich
3. "Every empire, however, tells itself and the world that it is unlike all other empires, that its mission is not to plunder and control but to educate and liberate." -Edward W. Said

### **Speaker 6**

1. "If any female feels she need anything beyond herself to legitimate and validate her existence, she is already giving away her power to be self-defining, her agency." -bell hooks
2. "Acceptance without proof is the fundamental characteristic of Western religion, rejection without proof is the fundamental characteristic of Western science." -Gary Zukav
3. "Do you realize if it weren't for Edison we'd be watching TV by candlelight?" -Al Boliska

### **Speaker 7**

1. "If men liked shopping, they'd call it research." -Cythina Nelms
2. "The history of other cultures is non-existent until it erupts in confrontation with the United States." -Edward W. Said  
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3. "We have been so focused on "positive" representation that we forget that positive representation is the same side of the "model minority" coin. We need whole, human, flawed representation." -Constance Wu