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RE: VIRTUES PROJECT
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Each Wednesday, by 20:00, email me your written thoughts on the virtue of the week. Your written thoughts should include answers to the following questions. (To state the questions, I will use as an example the first virtue, punctuality.)

1. What does *punctuality* mean? Give a definition.
2. Describe a scene in a TV show (*Buffy, Big Bang, Veronica, etc.*) or movie (*Strictly Ballroom, Mary Poppins, Gladiator, etc.*) in which a character exemplifies punctuality.
3. Tell of a real life incident in which you exhibited punctuality.
4. Tell of a real life incident in which you failed to exhibit punctuality.
5. Each virtue might be thought of as an ability to command, control, or resist certain passions. What passion does punctuality command/control/resist?
6. Name another virtue that is like punctuality in some ways but different in some way (maybe because it pertains to a different situation or set of circumstances). How does the other virtue that you name differ from punctuality?
7. Why is Mary's punctuality beneficial to Mary herself?
8. Why is Mary's punctuality beneficial to people around Mary, such as her roommate or her employer?
9. Aristotle said that each virtue stands between two vices:
 - a. To one side of the virtue of punctuality is the vice of not taking care to be punctual. What would be the name of that vice?
 - b. On the other side of the virtue of punctuality is the vice of taking too much care to be punctual, or overdoing it. What would be the name of that vice?

Do punctuality the first week. After that you decide which virtue to treat. You can choose from the list below, or come up with one not on the list.

Virtues to consider (it's OK to come up with others on your own):

Aspiration
Candor/openness
Cheerfulness
Cleanliness
Compassion
Courage
Determination
Diligence
Equanimity
Faith
Fortitude
Frugality/thrift
Generosity
Honor
Hope
Hospitality
Humility
Justice
Kindness
Love
Loyalty
Patience
Perseverance
Politeness/courtesy
Probity
Prudence
Punctuality
Self-reliance
Temperance
Tidiness/orderliness/meticulousness