

“To the Citizens...” - Guided Questions

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Please use textual evidence to support your answers and claims.

- 1) Who are the authors of the document?
 - a) Specifically, what are their names?
 - b) Generally, who are they? What do they have in common with one another?
 - 2) Who is their audience? To whom are they writing?
 - 3) What is their first concern in paragraph 1? Be specific. What is motivating them to write this document?
 - 4)
 - a) In paragraph 2- who does the “she” refer to?
 - b) What is the authors’ expectation of how “she” will treat them?
 - 5) In paragraph 3, what claim do the authors make regarding their own behavior?
 - 6) What does “this noble commonwealth” refer to and how is it described?
 - 7) How do the authors describe their own emotions? What is making them feel this way?
 - 8)
 - a) In paragraph 4, what do the authors ask of the reader?
 - b) What concerns do they have? (Use evidence from this part of the text to support your answer).
- Go back through the text.
- 9)
 - a) List a number of words from the document with positive connotations(feeling the word gives the reader, rather than just the literal definition):
 - b) To what do they refer?
 - 10)
 - a) List a number of words with negative connotations:
 - b) To what do they refer?
 - 11) Come up with three questions that, if answered, would allow you to understand this document better.
 - 12) What is the authors’ purpose of this document?