

Born To Be Wild

1. Rebellious soul/rebel
2. To rebel against
3. To be a wild child
4. To conform to/to adjust to/ to attune to societal norms
5. To spurn smth
6. To deviate from smth
7. To be deviant
8. Wayward/obstinate/stubborn
9. Adolescence
10. To disobey rules
11. To be involved in illegal activities
12. To violate / break social norms
13. Alcohol and drug abuse
14. Theft
15. To disregard smth / to disrespect smth
16. To resist smth
17. To put up with smth
18. To go against the grain
19. To have mood swings
20. Appropriate/inappropriate conduct
21. To be an underdog
22. To be subjected to ostrachism

Answer the following questions:

1. Are you a rebellious soul? In what ways are you rebellious?
2. Were you a rebel when you were a teenager? How did you act?
3. Do/did you belong to any subcultures? If yes, what did you do?
4. Have you ever done any rebellious things at work/at school etc.? Tell about it.
5. What are deviant acts in your opinion?
6. What's your attitude to conformism?
7. What subcultures of young people do you know? Can you tell about them?
8. Why do you think young people form subcultures? Does it have positive or negative impact on them?
9. Is it important to obey the rules and norms of society?
10. What do you think of younger generation now? Does it have any future?
11. What should every person living in a society do?
12. Do you know any authors who wrote about being deviant and rebellious?
13. Have you read *The Catcher in the Rye*? What do you think of this book? Can you call it revolutionary?
14. Have you ever committed any crazy acts you were sorry about later?
15. Do you know any examples of deviant and controversial art? Are you impressed or inspired by such art?
16. Have you ever been an underdog? How can you explain that term?
17. Why do you think it is so important for certain people to go against the grain?
18. What were the main youth movements that changed the world? What is their contribution to the history of mankind?

Comment on the following statements:

“I rebel; therefore I exist.” Albert Camus

“Be realistic – demand the impossible!” – Jean-Paul Sartre

“A ‘normal person’ is what is left after society has squeezed out all unconventional opinions and aspirations out of a human being.” Mokokoma Mokhonoana

“Forbidden things are always better” S.Loots



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“Apparently when it's two people, it's quirky and funny, but when it's a person doing the same stuff on her own, it's rebellious and antisocial.” Katie Alender, *Bad Girls Don't Die*