**The Emperor's Club**

Good Morning! Soon you will be writing a practice essay for the CAHSEE on an individual's character. We will be watching the Movie, *The Emperor's Club* to begin our discussion of character. Do you believe that a person's character can change or not?

As you watch the movie, please think about the following quotes. When the movie ends, you will need to explain the importance of the quotes - why these quotes are important.

**[1.) William Hundert:](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28427)** [Great ambition and conquest without contribution is without significance. What will your contribution be? How will history remember you?](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28427)

**[2.) William Hundert:](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28429)** [Aristophanes once wrote, roughly translated; "Youth ages, immaturity is outgrown, ignorance can be educated, and drunkenness sobered, but STUPID lasts forever."](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28429)

**[3.) William Hundert:](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28430)** [Well... Senator... The Greeks and the Romans provided a model of democracy, which I don't need to tell you, the framers of our own constitution, used as their inspiration. But more to the point I would think when the boys read Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Julius Caesar even, they're put in direct contact with men, who in their own age, exemplified the highest standards of statesmanship, of civic virtue, character, conviction.](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28430)

**4. ) William Hundert**: In January of 49 BCE, Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon River, the border of the province of Cisalpine Gaul and Roman territory, with his 13th Legion. To enter Rome with an army was considered a strike against the Republic and it is said Caesar uttered the phrase **“Alea iacta est**”meaning “The die is cast”.

**[5.) William Hundert:](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28433)** [The worth of a life is not determined by a single failure or a solitary success.](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28433)

**[6.) William Hundert:](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28434)** [With learning, a boys' character might be changed. And, so, the destiny of a man.](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28434)

**[7.) William Hundert:](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28435)** [As I've gotten older, I realize I'm certain of only two things. Days that begin with rowing on a lake are better than days that do not. Second, a man's character is his fate.](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/28435)

**8.)** [**William Hundert**](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000177/?ref_=tt_trv_qu)**:** Why, Sedgewick? You knew the material.

[**Sedgewick Bell**](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0386472/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Why not?

**[9.)](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/107305)** [**[Martin Blythe](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/107305)**](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0200452/?ref_=tt_trv_qu)[: [from the plate above Mr. Hundert's classroom] I am Shutruk Nahunte, King of Anshand and Sussa, Sovereign of the land of Elam. I destroyed Sippar, took the stele of Niran-Sin, and brought it back to Elam, where I erected it as an offering to my god. Shutruk Nahunte - 1158 B.C.](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/107305)

**[10. ) William Hundert:](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/107306)** [The end depends upon the beginning.](http://www.quotes.net/mquote/107306)

**10.)** [**William Hundert**](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000177/?ref_=tt_trv_qu)**:** I'm a teacher, Sedgewick. And I failed you - as a teacher. But I will give you one last lecture, if I may. All of us, at some point, are forced to look at ourselves in the mirror, and see who we really are. And when that day comes for you, Sedgewick, you will be confronted with a life lived without virtue, without principle. And for that I pity you. End of lesson.

[**Sedgewick Bell**](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0386472/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Well, can I say, Mr. Hundert, who gives a shit? Honestly. Who out there gives a \*%#@&!