Worksheet 3. Reading: Youth in the Middle Ages

Read this passage by another person who had bad things to say about young people. Then answer the questions below, according to the passage.

Youth in the Middle Ages

“The world is passing through troubling times. The young people of today think of nothing except themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age. They don’t like restraint. They talk as if they know everything. We understand certain things as wisdom, but they think these things are foolish. As for the girls, they are forward, immodest, and unladylike in speech, behavior, and dress.”

Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. The world is going through (bad / good) times.
2. The young people of today are (selfish / unselfish).
3. Young people today have a lot of (respect / disrespect) for their elders.
4. Young people (like / dislike) controls.
5. Young people talk like they know (everything / nothing).
6. Young people think that old people are (wise / foolish).
7. Girls are (shy / forward) and (modest / immodest).
8. The girls’ (actions / dreams) and (studies / clothes) are not like the ones ladies usually have.
9. The writer (has / doesn’t have) respect for young people.

This quotation is attributed to Peter the Hermit, a French ruler in the early 12th century.