

Rules to Know

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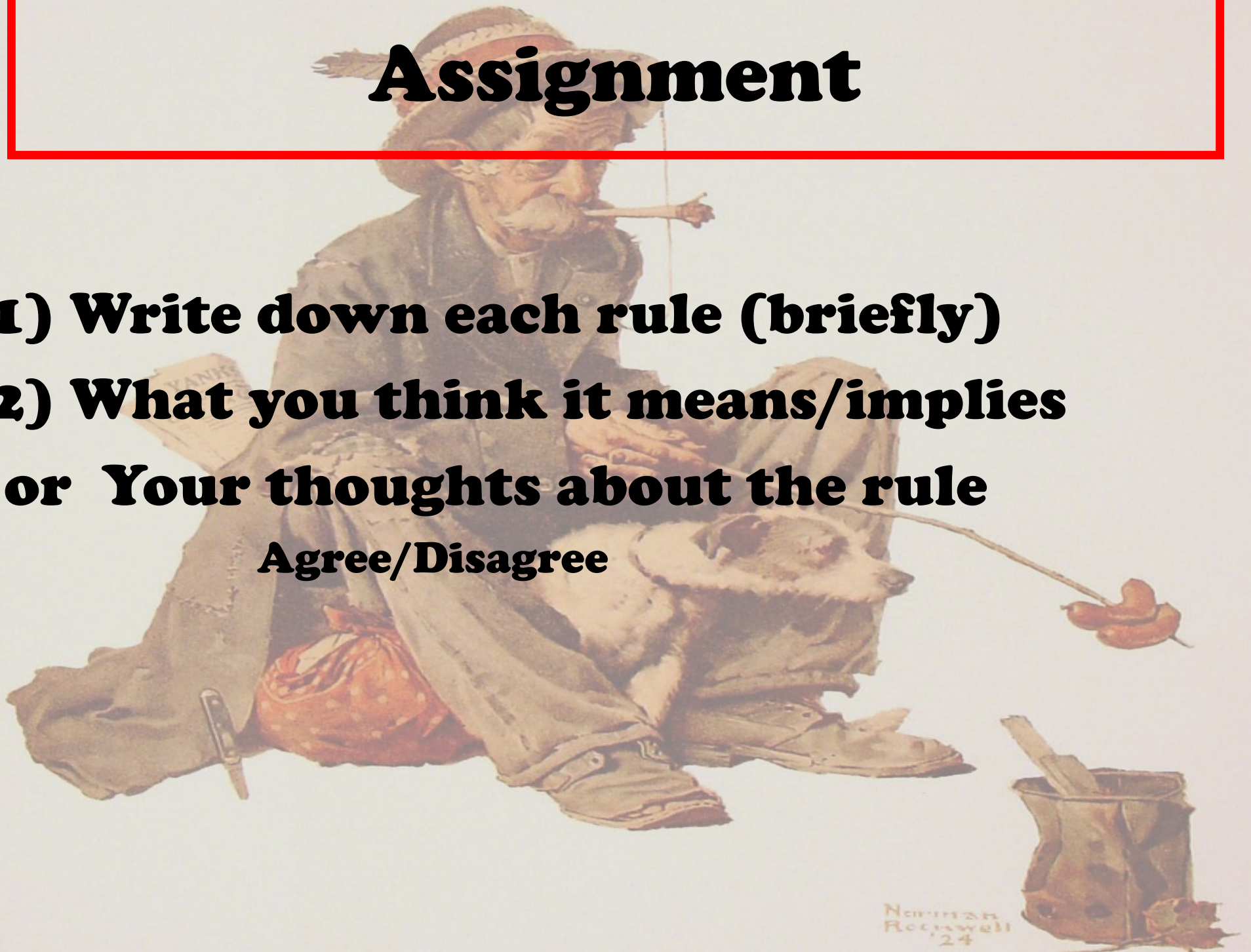
Living Independently

*(from a high school graduation speech
given by Bill Gates)*

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Assignment

- 1) Write down each rule (briefly)**
- 2) What you think it means/implies
or Your thoughts about the rule
Agree/Disagree**



Rule 1:

**Life is not fair.....
get used to it**





Rule 2:

**The world won't care
about your self-esteem.**

**The world will expect you
to accomplish something
BEFORE you feel good about
yourself.**

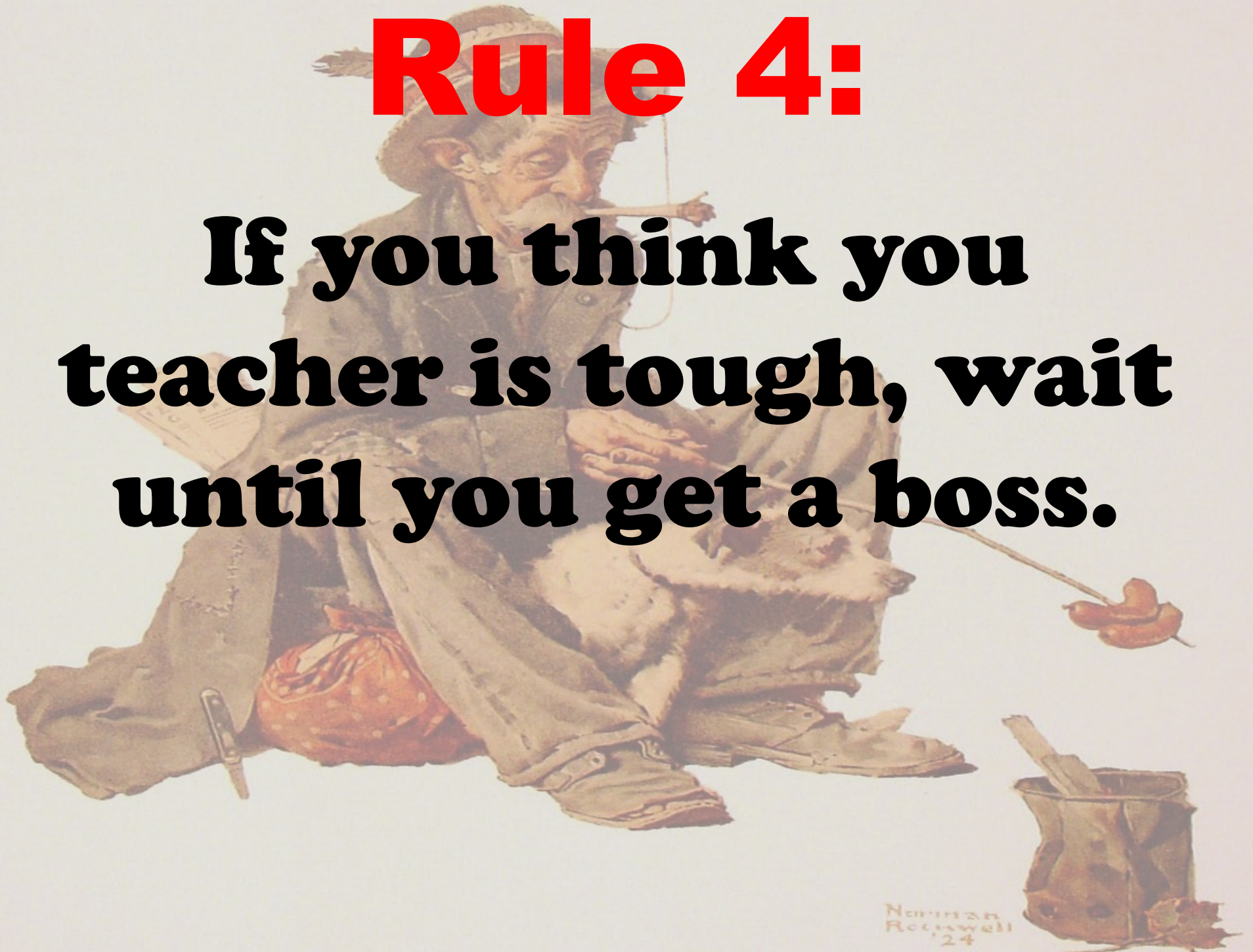
Rule 3:

**You will NOT make
\$100,000 a year right
out of high school.**



Rule 4:

**If you think you
teacher is tough, wait
until you get a boss.**





Rule 5:

**Flipping burgers is not
beneath your dignity.**

**Your grandparents had a
different word for burger
flipping -----they called it
“opportunity”**

Rule 6:

**If you mess up, it's not
anyone else's fault.....**

**So don't whine about
your mistakes.....**

Learn from them

Rule 7:

**Before you were born,
your parents weren't as
boring as they are now.**

**They got that way from paying
your bills, cleaning your
clothes, and listening to you
talk about how cool you are.**

Rule 8:

Your school may have done away with winners and losers but life HAS NOT. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9:

Life is not divided into semesters.

You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time

Rule 10:

Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

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Rule 11:

Be nice to nerds.....

**Chances are you'll end up
working for one.**



The Proof:

The “Rules” were not given in a speech by Bill Gates

They’re an excerpt from an op-ed piece in a newspaper by educator Charles Sykes

