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The Secret Rules We All Follow: Understanding Social Norms

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Imagine you are in a foreign country with different social norms. Describe a situation where you might feel culture shock due to unfamiliar norms and how you would adapt to the new environment.
2. Social norms can both promote social cohesion and stifle individuality. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of conformity to social norms, providing examples for each.
3. Think of a social norm that you believe needs to change in your community or school. Explain why you think it should change and how you could contribute to that change.
4. Consider a situation where challenging a social norm led to significant societal progress. Describe the norm, the challenges faced, and the ultimate positive outcomes of challenging it.

