1. Using context clues or other **vocabulary** strategies, give an appropriate definition for these words according to the way they are used in the article.

- **diffidence** (paragraph 1)
- **uncultivated** (paragraph 2)
- **bemoan** (paragraph 7)

2. **Restate** one of the following passages in your own words:

- “An awkward, unscientific lie is often as ineffectual as the truth” (paragraph 12).

- “Among other common lies, we have the ‘silent lie’—the deception which one conveys by simply keeping still and concealing the truth. Many obstinate truth-mongers indulge in this dissipation, imagining that if they *speak* no lie, they lie not at all” (paragraph 9).
3. Identify a specifically stated **comparison** from the article. Be sure your answer mentions the two items being compared and a reason why they are similar to each other.

In what paragraph did you find the comparison? ____________

4. Identify a specifically stated **contrast** made by the author. Be sure your answer mentions the two items being contrasted and a reason why they are different from each other.

In what paragraph did you find the contrast? ____________

5. Identify a specifically stated **cause→effect relationship** made by the author.

   What is the cause?

   What is the effect?
In what paragraph did you find the cause and effect? ________________

6. In your own words, write the **main point** of this article in one or two complete sentences.

7. **Structure**: List 4 or 5 significant ideas that the author uses to develop the main point he makes in this article. Be sure that your list covers the whole article.