



Relationships with others are essential to our being.

Interaction with others needed to develop cognitive and emotional abilities.

Self-consciousness, Reflective consciousness, Consolidation of personal identity

Sense of self supplied by others, personalities forged through social interactions.

However:

1. Other people are potential obstacles to our freedom. Competitors for goods and status.
2. We are objectified by others. They see us as physical beings, as things. We perceive ourselves as a consciousness. They judge our physical qualities.
3. Others rob us of our primacy and control. Alone we are free and self consumed, with others we are self conscious. The Look.

