**AXE 7: DIVERSITY & INCLUSION** **RUMSPRINGA**

Living or Leaving the Amish Life

Key question: How far do the Amish have to adapt to the modern world to preserve their lifestyle and traditions?



**WARM-UP:**

1. Observe this photo and describe it briefly

(people, place, situation, feelings…)

1. To what extent is this photo unusual?
2. Make suppositions : Why do you think they

are in NY city?

**MISSION 1: Read this article and find out what Rumspringa is :**

<https://amishamerica.com/what-is-rumspringa/>

Then, complete the following summary:

baptized member live English a great deal of freedom to make lasts sixteen prefer to return would rather decision outside to run aroundRumspringa leaving experience experience the outside world

The term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/rəmˈsprɪŋə/, meaning « \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ » is used to describe the period that young Amish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around the age of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It comes from the Pennsylvania Dutch word “Rumspringen”.

At that age, Amish teens are given \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which they can use to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Some may even choose to « \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ », the term “English” meaning anyone living \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the Amish community.

Sometimes it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a year, sometimes it’s eighteen months, two years, but at the end of that time period, then it’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_time. “Are you staying and becoming a full member, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church, or are you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? That’s a huge decision that every Amish person has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. »

After Rumspringa, most teenagers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the full Amish lifestyle and they are thus baptized and become full members of the Amish community. Others \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leave the community.