Common Question 2021-22, What is progress?  
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#1. Radiolab, The Cataclysm Sentence

“But also needed is imagination to create from these hints the great generalizations—to guess at the wonderful, simple, but very strange patterns beneath them all, and then to experiment to check again whether we have made the right guess.”

Image: FLP Photos

#2. ZZ Packer, Brownies

“When you've been made to feel bad for so long, you jump at the chance to do it to others.”

Image: https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2015/03/plotting-her-return/  
#3. NASA, ESA, and the Canadian Space Agency, Launch of the James Webb Space Telescope
#4. Aesop’s Fables, The Hare & the Tortoise

“The race is not always to the swift.”
#5. Natasha Tretheway, *Theories of Time and Space*

“Everywhere you go will be somewhere you’ve never been.”


#6. Undocumented Migration Project, *Hostile Terrain*

“HT94 is a participatory art project: 3,200 handwritten toe tags that represent migrants who have died trying to cross the Sonoran Desert of Arizona between the mid-1990s and 2019.”

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“If apology was common, was then forgiveness often offered in response?”

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#8. Jenny Odell, *how to do nothing*

“The subject of observation is so precious and fragile that it risks breaking under even the weight of observation.”

Image: [https://medium.com/@the_jennitaur/how-to-do-nothing-57e100f59bbb](https://medium.com/@the_jennitaur/how-to-do-nothing-57e100f59bbb)

“A big part of improving--when that improvement changes who you are--is a matter of coming to grasp with a new set of values.”

#10. Ann Applebaum, *The New Puritans*

“How much intellectual life is now stifled because of fear of what a poorly worded comment would look like if taken out of context and spread on Twitter?”

#11. Bertrand Russell, *In Praise of Idleness*

“We think too much of production and too little of consumption.”

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#12. Emma Sheridan, *Streets - The Leading Source for News and Information on Universal Design*

“It creates products, systems, and environments to be as usable as possible by as many people as possible regardless of age, ability, or situation.”

Image: [http://urbanplacesandspaces.blogspot.com/2015/03/fascinating-crosswalk-design-makes.html](http://urbanplacesandspaces.blogspot.com/2015/03/fascinating-crosswalk-design-makes.html)