

ACTIVITY MASTER #13

What's Your Decision?

For each moral dilemma described below, identify the object, the intention, and the circumstances of each situation. Use these elements to decide what you would do.

MORAL DILEMMA #1 You were supposed to read six books over the summer. While your best friend was in town, you never got around to reading any. Now it's August and your friend is on a trip, so you'd better start reading! You realize you probably won't finish the books, so you find someone who has read them and use their notes to complete your work. Okay, so you didn't read everything, but aren't people more important than reading books? Anyway, who's going to know?

What is the object? _____

What is the intention? _____

What are the circumstances? _____

What is your decision? _____

MORAL DILEMMA #2 You want to give your Mom a nice birthday present, but you don't have enough money. You would never steal anything from a store in the small town where you live because you know how that would hurt the storeowners. But today you are in the mall. Everyone knows the big stores at the mall are owned by big corporations. They get their merchandise at a big discount and wouldn't even miss one small piece of jewelry. It wouldn't be wrong to take it because it wouldn't hurt anyone, and it would really make your Mom happy.

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What is the intention? _____

What are the circumstances? _____

What is your decision? _____

MORAL DILEMMA #3 Your friend Sam has a lot of trouble with math and gets low grades. You really like Sam and hate to see him so down about himself. What about letting him have your math homework to help him out? His grades will improve and so will his self-esteem.

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