

Activity: Exploring Ethics

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_**

***DIRECTIONS****:* Complete each section below. Each section is worth 20 points for a total of **60 points**.

**PART I – Match the Terms**

Code of ethics Role Model

Ethical dilemmas Scruples

Guilt Trust

Honesty Unethical

Reputation Values

1. You create your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by how you behave over time.

2. If you lack moral principles, you are said to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The beliefs you consider important are your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ someone you can count on.

5. You feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when you do something you know is wrong.

6. A person you admire and want to be like is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. A person who is truthful is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**PART II – Role Models in Your Life**

Many people have someone in particular who they look up to as a good example. This could be a relative, a teacher, or any other person who inspires you. Answer the following questions about the role models in your own life.

Example: One person who I believe is a good example of being an honest person is \_\_\_Luella\_\_ and I know that person because he or she is my \_\_\_grandmother\_\_\_\_.

1. One person who I believe is a good example of being an honest person is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and I know that person because he or she is my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. One person who I can talk to when I have a difficult decision to make is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and I know that person because he or she is my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. One person who I admire is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. One person that I am a role model for is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and I know that person because they are my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. It is important for me to have good role models because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. It is important for me to be a good role model for others because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**PART III – Ethical Dilemmas**

You own a gasoline station with a snack shop. You have some problems to solve at work today.

1. The price of gasoline yesterday was $4.50 per gallon. Today, the price of gasoline went down. Your

gasoline supplier expects you to lower the price today for your customers to $4.25 per gallon. But your biggest

competitor across the street has not lowered their prices - they’re making an extra 25 cents per gallon profit

from their customers. Do you lower your price now, or do you wait until the other store lowers their price?

Why?

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2. Your recently found a very old but unopened box of Twinkies in the back office of the snack shop. Normally, if food is expired you’re supposed to throw it away and report is as lost/damaged/expired goods. But

because Twinkies went out of business, this box is very valuable, and you could take it home and sell it on

eBay for a lot of money. But who does it really belong to - you or your business? What is the right thing to

do? What would you do?

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3. Mr. Jones is a good customer. He always buys his gasoline at your station, and you have known him for

years. He needs to get gas, but he forgot his wallet at home in his other pants pocket. There is a line of customers waiting to pay for their gas. What is the right thing to do? What do you do in this situation?

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4. You need to hire a new clerk to work the cash register. You have interviewed two young men for the job.

One is a college age son of a friend of yours - he is a nice kid but not very good at math. One is a high school

student on summer vacation - he is good at math but will only be available for three months until he goes back

to school. What can you do? What is the right thing to do? What would you actually do in this situation?

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