



Topic: Relationships-Peer

Key Question:

How far should a person go to fit in, have friends or be popular?

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Scenario:

Sarah is a freshman at a new high school in an unfamiliar town and has been struggling to fit in. One weekend, Sarah's parents go out of town and Sarah decides to throw a party in hopes to make new friends. As it turns out, so many people show up to this party that you can't even move through her house. Before she knows it, people are destroying her house by kicking holes in the wall and throwing and breaking things that were on the walls, while others were fighting and doing illegal drugs in her bedroom.

Discussion questions:

1. Do you think Sarah will "fit in" after throwing this party? Why or why not?
2. Do you think the people at this party would make good friends?
3. What are some of the things Sarah could have done to stop some of these things from happening in her home?
4. What are some alternative ways Sarah could have made new friends?
5. Do you think the few friends she MAY have made was worth what happened to her home and taking the risk of getting herself and/or her parents arrested?

Correlated TEKS:

ELPS: 1A, 2H, 2I, 3G, 3H, 5F, 5G

ELAR: 25B, 25A, 18C, 23B

CCRS, E/LAS IV Listening A,

Cognitive Skills B. Reasoning 1 & 2

Problem Solving I.C. 1 & 2

Academic Integrity F. 3 & 4

Health 2E, 5C, 7A, 7B, 10A, 10B, 10D, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11F, 12E

Social Studies (7th grade) 17B, 23A, 23B

Social Studies (8th grade) 20C