



Topic: Gangs

Key Question:

What is the importance of family?

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Scenario:

Jerry, an eighth grader, has not spoken to his father since the age of seven. Though his mother tries to keep track of his actions, she is preoccupied with her three younger children. Jerry, desperate for a male role model and the feeling of being part of a group, begins to notice the friendship and loyalty among a neighborhood gang.

He wonders what it would be like to become a member...

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do people join gangs?
2. What do you think Jerry will do next?
3. If Jerry's father was still around, do you think he would be in this situation? Why or why not?
4. Do you know a "Jerry"? How can you help him/her?

Correlated TEKS:

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

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

CCRS, E/LAS IV Listening A

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

Physical Education 7B, 7E

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

Social Studies (8th grade) 20C, 21B