

AUTONOMY: governing one's self; having a sense of limits or boundaries
Focus: Examining differences in personal boundaries

Student Name _____



What's Right For You Is Wrong For Me

Have you ever noticed that, even among your closest friends, different boundaries exist? Some of your friends may need to be home after a football game at a certain time; some may not be allowed to go to certain places even though it's okay for you. Though many of these differences may depend on boundaries established by parents, some differences may exist due to personal choice. Family backgrounds and personal choices often play a role in the news stories we read.

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•Look at the movie advertising section in your newspaper and select several movies that fit into each category below. Write in the name of each movie you select in the appropriate area.

•When you complete your personal movie "chart" below, compare your choices with those of your classmates. Talk about the choices you made, any differences in your choices and why you made these choices.

Movies I Would Go See

Reason For Choice

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Movies I Would Not Go See

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CHARACTER BUILDER: Examine again the choices you made for the chart above. Think about the real reasons that you made these choices. Were your choices a result of your personal likes and/or dislikes? Did expectations of family or friends play any role in the choices you made above? What would be the reaction of a parent or guardian to the choices you made? If you are living with two different adults, would they react to your choices in the same manner?