

CRITICAL THINKING

DANNY EVANS

Use the following critical thinking questions to help foster an open, student-led discussion on the theme(s) discussed in this episode of The Harbor.

1. **DANNY BELIEVES THAT PEOPLE OFTEN PRESSURE OTHERS INTO MAKING CERTAIN CHOICES BECAUSE THEY KNOW IT'S WRONG AND THEY DON'T WANT TO MAKE THE DECISION ALONE.**

Think of a situation where you felt pressured to do something you didn't want to do.
Do you think Danny's statement was true in that circumstance? Why or why not?

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2. **NOW THINK OF A TIME WHEN A PEER GROUP PRESSURED YOU INTO A CHOICE THAT YOU LATER REGRETTED, LIKE MAKING FUN OF SOMEONE OR SKIPPING CLASS.**

Did making this choice help you feel more accepted by that peer group? Why or why not?
What would you do if you were pressured to make that same decision today?

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3. **WE OFTEN GIVE IN TO PEER PRESSURE BECAUSE OUR FRIENDSHIPS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO US, BUT THERE ARE ALSO OTHER RELATIONSHIPS THAT CAN BE HARMED WHEN WE'RE PRESSURED INTO MAKING BAD CHOICES.**

What relationships can be affected if you and your friends choose to make fun of someone?

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4. **WHEN IT COMES TO PEER PRESSURE, DANNY'S MOTTO HAS ALWAYS BEEN, ". . . I'M GOING TO RESPECT YOUR DECISIONS IF YOU RESPECT MINE."**

Write a short motto that you can easily remember and use in these situations to help you make a decision that's right for you.

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5. **AT THE END OF THE EPISODE, DANNY SAYS THAT, ". . . [M]AKING A DECISION YOU WANT TO MAKE WILL ALWAYS RESULT IN RESPECT."**

Generally speaking, do you think Danny's statement is true?
Or do you think it's different depending on what kind of friends you have?

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