

DISCUSSION PLAN: Duties and rights.

1. Did you ask to be born? Do you know anyone who did?
2. Do your parents *owe* you food and clothing and shelter?
3. Do you have a *right* to share in your family's meals?
4. Would your parents have the *right* to eat all the food and leave none for you?
5. Do you have a duty to be grateful to your parents for providing you with food and shelter?
6. Do they have a duty to you to be grateful for anything?
7. Do people sometimes do things for you, even though they don't really want to, but think it's their duty?
8. Do you sometimes do things for other people just because you think it's your duty?
9. Do children have a *right* to be protected against kidnapping?
10. Do children have a *right* to be protected against starvation? Malnourishment?
11. Do children have a *right* to an education?
12. Do you think children have a *right* to privacy?
13. Do you think children have a *right* to form their own opinions about their favorite baseball teams? about their favorite books? about their favorite countries? about their favorite religions?
14. Do you think children have a *right* to their own friends?
15. Do you think children have a *right* to ride bicycles? Own bicycles?
16. Do you think children have a *right* to decide for themselves what their rights are?

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DISCUSSION PLAN: Do children have rights?

Let's imagine that you children were asked to draw up a constitution for the governing of your school.

Imagine that part of that constitution will be a "Bill of Rights" similar to the "Bill of Rights" of the constitution for the United States of America.

What would be some of the rights you would want to guarantee to school children? List all the rights that you think school children should be guaranteed.

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DISCUSSION PLAN: What is a right?

1. When textbooks are being passed out by the teacher, and everyone else in the class gets a book, does Edna have a right to a book?
2. It turns out that the school is one textbook short, and Edna is told that nothing can be done to get her a book. Does she still have a right to a book?
3. Edna has been day-dreaming about ice cream all day. Now she's going home, and she sees a little girl coming out of a store with an ice cream cone. Does Edna have the right to take the little girl's ice cream cone?
4. Edna doesn't want to wait for the light to turn green before crossing the street, and crosses while the light is still red. Does she have a right to do that?
5. When Edna gets home, she starts reading the comics section of the newspaper. But her twin brother, Sid, takes it away from her. Does he have a right to do that?
6. Edna's family is having roast turkey for supper. Does she have a right to a portion?
7. Edna's brothers, Sid and Jeff, both want turkey legs, and so does Edna. But there are only two legs. Does Edna have a right to one of them?
8. Edna's dog, Fritz, is getting old. Does it have a right to live?
9. Sid watches his father smoking, and Sid would like to do the same. Does he have a right to?
10. Jeff is graduating high school. Does he have a right to a job?
11. Jeff is arrested by a policewoman for driving without a license. Does she have a right to do that to him?
12. There's a book in the town library that Jeff wants to read. Does he have a right to see it?
13. Where do rights come from?
14. Are there rights we get when we're born and others that we get as we grow older?
15. Can some people's rights cancel out other people's rights?