

**Ethics** 

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Read “Do the Right Thing” on page 22 of the October issue. Then read the scenarios below. They all test one’s *ethics*, or how much you care about how your actions and behaviors affect others. Write about what you would do if you were in each situation. Use a separate piece of paper if you need more room. *Hint: There is not only one answer!*

1. You are working on a paper for school and find good information on a Web site. Is it plagiarism, or passing off others’ work as your own, if you copy and paste the information into your paper and then change a few words? Why or why not?

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2. Your friend has been sneaking drinks from his parents’ liquor cabinet. Now he’s started to come to school drunk. You are worried. What would you do?

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3. You are babysitting. The parents said they would prefer you to not have anyone over. After you put the children to sleep, your friend calls and wants to stop by and drop off some DVDs you wanted to borrow. What would you do?

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4. Same babysitting job. You get a paper cut and need a bandage. You go into the bathroom in search of one, and can’t help but peek at the other contents of the medicine cabinet. Is this unethical or a little harmless curiosity? Explain your answer.

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5. Do you think that cheating on a test and illegally downloading music are in the same category?

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