

## Anticipation/Reaction Guide

**Directions:** For the following statements and questions, compose a well-written sentence giving your reaction or answer to each. Do you agree? Disagree? Why?

1. *Euthanasia* is the practice of medically ending a person's life when he/she has become hopelessly sick or injured without any chance of recovery.
  - a. People should be euthanized when they are very sick, elderly, or no longer useful to society. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. If human euthanasia was common, who should decide when a person is euthanized? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. Do you think it should be all right for a person to request to be euthanized? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - d. In our society, sick pets are commonly euthanized. Why is it viewed as acceptable to euthanize a sick pet, but not an ill person? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. In America, we are constitutionally given *freedom of choice*. However, there are laws that limit these choices, i.e. we do not have the freedom to choose to kill someone (without punishment), and until the age of 18, you do not legally have the right to make your own choices; your parents have this right for you.
  - a. It would be better to have complete freedom of choice, even if people sometimes made poor choices. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. In what situations might it be best for someone to make your choices for you? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

c. What choices should you have the option to make on your own? (i.e. choice of spouse, having children, choice of career, whether or not to attend college) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. By definition, a *utopia* is an ideal and perfect society in which everyone lives in harmony and everything is done for the good of its citizens.

a. Describe what a “perfect” society means to you. \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. I would rather live in a “perfect” society than in a flawed one. \_\_\_\_\_  
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c. Who should be in charge of the “perfect” society? \_\_\_\_\_  
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d. Name some aspects of our society which are flawed and could be improved. (i.e. more affordable health care, crime rate) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. An *ordered* society is one with rules and consequences for breaking those rules. A *chaotic* society is freer, without order or law, and without consequences.

a. Would you categorize our society as ordered or chaotic? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. What would be an advantage/disadvantage of living in an ordered society without family and loving relationships? \_\_\_\_\_  
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c. What would be an advantage/disadvantage of living in a chaotic society with family and loving relationships?  
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