



Student Handout

Kohlberg in your Future

Purpose: Integrity and honesty are valuable and necessary skills that will help you flourish in various environments. This assignment is designed to help you comprehend, evaluate and apply these skills to hypothetical scenarios, as well as develop a deeper understanding of Kohlberg's theory of moral development.

Knowledge: This assignment will also help you become familiar with the following important content knowledge in psychology:

- Kohlberg's Theory of Moral Development

Task Instructions: With a partner, read through the following two scenarios and complete the tables. Students will consider the behavior in the context of each stage of development. Be prepared to discuss your responses with the class.

Criteria for Success:

I can accurately apply Kohlberg's stages of moral development to workplace and education scenarios that involve integrity.



Name/s: _____

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Scenario 1: You are currently employed at a department store. You have worked there for a year and really enjoy your job. One of your close friends asks you to purchase an item from the store using your employee discount, which you know is not allowed. Do you purchase the item for your friend? Why or why not?

	Kohlberg Stages	If at this stage, what would you do?	Explain why your decision fits this stage of moral development
Pre- Conventional	Obedience and Punishment		
	Instrumental Exchange		
Conventional	Interpersonal Conformity		
	Law-and-Order		
Post- Conventional	Social Contract		



	Universal Ethical Principles		
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Scenario 2: You are in the second semester of your freshman year of college. You have a History exam at the end of this week that will make up 35% of your final course grade. You are working extra hours at your part-time job this week and are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of content that will be covered on the exam. Your friend has previously taken the course and has offered you a copy of the exam questions. Do you accept the questions? Why or why not?

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