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Do Now- Journal Entry

Take a moment to journal a time that you yourself have been faced with a moral dilemma.

Moral Dilemma is making a choice between two not so awesome options; they are both bad, but you must choose the lesser of two evils.

Be sure to include explicit detail of the situation and what EXACTLY you chose and why you chose it.
You are a member of a gang and you have been arrested with another member of your gang. Both of you are confined away from each other and you have no way of communicating with the other member. The police does not have enough evidence to convict both of you with major charges and instead offer you and the other member a bargain. You have two choices:

(a) You can remain silent
(b) Or betray the other member and testify that he has committed the crime.

Then there are three outcomes:
(a) If you betray the other member and he remains silent, you will be set free and he will serve 3 years in prison. (But this also works vice versa. If you remain silent and he betrays you, you will serve 3 years in prison)
(b) If you betray the other member, and he betrays you too, you both serve 2 years in prison
(c) If you and the other member both remain silent, you both only serve one year in prison.

What would you do?
I'm Gonna Miss Her - Brad Paisley

Brad Paisley and Kimberly Williams-Paisley

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Using the lyrics provided, analyze for the moral dilemma that Brad Paisley sings about.

In your group, designate one person to be the

- Writer-They will write the responses on the sheet of paper provided.
- Leader- Will address the questions to the group members and make sure everyone is on task.
- Text Analyzer- this person will look for text evidence to prove answers to discussion questions.
- Everyone else will be discussion experts. They will ensure the discussion continues.
Group Discussion Questions

Using text evidence from the lyrics, address the following questions. 7 MINUTES

What is the situation in this song? What is the Dilemma?

Analyze the character of Brad Paisley the singer- what kind of man is he? What should he do in this situation depicted in the song?

What did he choose and why do you think he chose it?

What would you and your group have chosen?

Be Ready to Share Out with the Class!!

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Moral Dilemma (Prose Poem)

I make decisions everyday. So I find it hard to understand why some decisions are harder than others. In the end I want to make the right decision, or what everyone deems morally acceptable. But then I ask myself how do I determine the difference between everyone else’s right and wrong, and mine. Who is right, and more importantly, what is right? Today I confront choosing life and death because I must face the consequences for my actions. I think it might be easier to decide my life’s path if it did not involve other life, but this decision applies directly through mine and into another’s. I cannot find reason or resolve in any of the decisions I might make today considering I make them alone. One of the choices will directly lead me to sadness: something I will regret for the rest of my life. The other choice will bring hope, happiness, and more than likely shock. But later in life, I will look at the result of a mistake I made in my past. Again I will regret what I have done. I do not want regret in my life but it seems unavoidable. Still I do not have the will power within me to take life. Especially since I might take the life within me. This decision should not belong to me. I believe it belongs to a higher power. Therefore I make my decision based off of my belief instead of the influences around me. I shall endure the consequences resulting from my actions and choose life. There is sadness in both of my decisions so I choose the one that includes the slightest possibility of happiness. With my result I will learn true love, and regret will hide amongst the shadows of all the mistakes it takes to learn life’s lessons. Because my result will remind me daily of my life lesson with a smile.

-William Blake
Independent Response/ DOL

On a piece of notebook paper, write an interpretive analysis in paragraph form about "Moral Dilemma" by William Blake. Be sure to address the following questions in complete sentences:

- What dilemma is William Blake talking about in the poem (it could be several possibilities)?
- Analyze the character of narrator of the poem- what kind of man is he? What is he up against in his life? Make complex inferences.
- What should he do in this situation (based on the dilemma you came up with)?
- In the end, what did he choose and why do you think he chose it?
- What would you have chosen and why?

<BE DETAILED IN ALL RESPONSES>