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A Lesson Plan from Rights, Respect, Responsibility: A K-12 Curriculum

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Scenario One

Damien and Belinda are both 16 and live in Idaho. Belinda gets pregnant, decides she is too young to be a parent, and doesn't want to carry a pregnancy to term if she's not going to parent the baby. She doesn't want to place the baby for adoption because she doesn't think she'd be able to deal with knowing that her baby was out there if she isn't going to raise it. Damien is really against abortion and tells her he'd raise the baby if she didn't want to; she refuses. Things get heated, and they break up.

Using the following websites, please answer the questions listed below:

The Rights of Unmarried Fathers - <http://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/adoption-and-fathers-rights.html>

Sex, Etc. - <http://sexetc.org/action-center/sex-in-the-states>

Child Adoption Laws.com - <https://www.peoples-law.org/adoption>

Questions:

- 1) What are Damien's rights as the person involved in the creation of the pregnancy?

- 2) Can he stop Belinda from having an abortion?

- 3) What does Belinda need to do in order to get an abortion in her home state, Washington?

- 4) How soon does Belinda have to decide whether or not to have an abortion?

- 5) If Belinda chooses to place the baby for adoption, can Damien stop her so he can raise the baby?

- 6) Where is a place Belinda can go to get reproductive healthcare in community if she wanted to prevent another pregnancy?

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Scenario Three

Tammy has had several boyfriends, but has always been careful about pregnancy and STDs. She is on the pill, and she generally refused to have sex unless her partners use condoms. She was getting over being sick recently and was on antibiotics, and didn't know they can reduce the effectiveness of the pill. So when several of her partners said they didn't feel like they needed to use condoms with her anymore, she agreed – and found out a few weeks later that she was pregnant. But by whom? Tammy has decided she wants to keep the baby, and wants to be sure the biological father helps out financially.

Using the following websites, please answer the questions listed below:

Fathers' Rights and Abortion - <http://family.findlaw.com/paternity/fathers-rights-and-abortion.html>

The Rights of Unmarried Fathers - <http://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/adoption-and-fathers-rights.html>

Planned Parenthood - <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/teens/going-to-the-doctor/im-pregnant-now-what>

Questions:

1) How can Tammy legally find out who the father is?

2) Can that person refuse to pay child support if he never wanted to be a father, and assumed she was taking care of pregnancy prevention by being on the pill?

3) Can one of her boyfriends who is not the biological father claim paternity and take custody of the child?

4) If several weeks into her pregnancy Tammy changes her mind, even after finding out who the father is and getting him on board, can she still

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