

GLOSSARY

consideration: 1. careful thought; deliberation. 2. a factor to be considered in forming a judgment or decision.

criteria: a standard, rule, or test on which a correct judgment or decision can be based.

elicit: to draw out; to arrive at (a truth, for example) by logic.

evaluate: 1. to determine or fix the value or worth of. 2. to examine and judge carefully; appraise.

feedback: response or comment from others.

irrelevant: unrelated to the matter at hand; insignificant.

modify: 1. to change in form or character; alter. 2. to make less extreme, severe, or strong.

pertinent: relevant; logical; suitability to the matter at hand.

recursive: happen again or repeatedly, especially at regular intervals.

reevaluation: to reconsider the value or worth of.

relevant: 1. having a connection with the matter at hand. 2. fitting or suiting given requirements.

weigh options: 1. to balance in the mind in order to make a choice; ponder or evaluate. 2. to examine alternatives.

PLANET EXPLORATION

HIDDEN BIOGRAPHIES

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BOOKKEEPER, 31 YEARS OLD

Hidden Biography

You have invented a machine that converts any plant into fuel. You love sports of all kinds. You are an excellent fisherman. You are a convicted felon.

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SECOND-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

Hidden Biography

Despite being a gifted student, you have learned that you will be expelled because you fell behind in your studies due to time spent on political activities. Without being enrolled in university you will lose government subsidy. You are an excellent sculptor and artist.

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FAMOUS HISTORIAN, 42 YEARS OLD

Hidden Biography

You have a photographic memory. Since you are well read, you are knowledgeable about history, carpentry, and handiwork. You are married with one child. Your partner is an influential person in parliament.

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SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER

Hidden Biography

You are a social media influencer with two creative companies to your name. You hide behind the camera, as such, the general public doesn't know you have social anxiety and don't get along with people well.

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MOVIE STAR

Hidden Biography

You are great with technology. Your first starring role in a movie is to be released in two weeks. You have written three hit songs under a stage name.

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BIOCHEMIST

Hidden Biography

You are antisocial. You can't stand to be around people. You are attached to your pet dogs. You write poetry in your spare time.

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MEMBER OF THE CLERGY, 54 YEARS OLD

Hidden Biography

You have just learned that you have one year to live. You recently returned from a world conference on religions, where your keynote speech was widely acclaimed. You worked on an oil rig while in your youth.

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OLYMPIC ATHLETE IN TRACK AND FIELD, WORLD-CLASS TRIATHLETE

Hidden Biography

In order to compete, you have taken performance-enhancing drugs. You are a vegetarian and can't stand the sight of meat. You have a strict training and diet regimen. If your routine is disturbed, you become aggressive.

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UNIVERSITY STUDENT

Hidden Biography

You are an engineering major. You can design and build many types of structures using whatever materials are available. You are also very knowledgeable in electronics and how to repair them. You are known at your university as being a social climber, and you only associate with the “in” group.

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FIREFIGHTER

Hidden Biography

You are a health fanatic and very strong. You are known to be very helpful to people who know you. You recently won an award for a program you created for children experiencing homelessness.

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Bookkeeper, 31 years old

Second-year medical student

Famous historian, 42 years old

Social Media Influencer

Movie star

Biochemist

Member of the clergy, 54 years old

**Olympic athlete in track and field, world-class
triathlete**

University student

Firefighter

THE GIFT

You have just won \$10,000. You've wanted to buy a used car that a neighbor is selling. The last time you asked, the owner said she would sell the car for \$9,995. You know what money you have saved and what you earn weekly.

On the chart, list the positives and negatives of buying the car.

	Positive Consequences	Negative Consequences
1. Expected Consequences		
2. Unexpected Consequences		
3. Unexpected Consequences		

EVALUATING PLANET EXPLORATION DECISIONS

Directions: Using a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being extremely poor and 5 being outstanding, evaluate the work done in the fallout shelter simulation.

Group Members	Score for the Decision	Score for the Justification	Comments

EVERYDAY HEROES

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON LIVING

Tiffany Culy urges teens to become organ donors.

When she started feeling sick to her stomach, Tiffany Culy figured it was the flu. But a few days later, the Saline, Mich., teen woke up with yellow eyes and yellow skin and an “unbelievable pain” in her belly. Rushed to a hospital, she began slipping into a coma.

Tiffany had Wilson’s disease, which was destroying her liver. Doctors said she would die without an immediate liver transplant.

After reviewing four possible organ donations, surgeons were able to find a liver that would work for her. Tiffany spent three months in the hospital. Now 19 and a freshman at Hope College in Holland, Mich., Tiffany is so healthy that she competed in two swimming events. She also has become a crusader for organ donations.

“Over 61,000 Americans are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant,” Tiffany says. And an average of 12 Americans die each day waiting for a new liver, heart, kidney or other organ, according to the nonprofit Coalition for Donation.

Tiffany gives talks at schools and for youth groups, telling kids that needing an organ can happen to anyone. “It took me totally by surprise,” she says.

Tiffany tries to dispel myths about organ donation. For example, she says celebrities are not put at the top of the list for donations. “And there is no black market for stolen organs.”

Tiffany says she got a liver because “I was basically healthy and my chances for survival were good.” When deciding who gets an organ, the coalition says it does not take into account race, gender, age, income or celebrity.

Becoming a donor is simple, Tiffany says. “All you really have to do is tell your next of kin, because that’s who will be asked at the time of death. You can also sign up when you get your driver’s license.”

And you shouldn’t wait. “Even though you’re a teen, you’re not invincible,” she says. “Talk to your family. Tell them you want to save someone’s life.”

—Nancy Vittorini

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