

THE GEORGE LANGFORD STORY

ACTIVITIES: DECISION MAKING

“When the time comes to make a decision, you are prepared to do so. Because, if you don’t use your mind, then, whose mind are you using----- somebody who don’t give a dang for you.

Using Your Mind: Analysis

1. Look at the slide. Does the man on his knees have a decision to make?

What choices does the man holding the gun have? He pulled the trigger.

Who was using his mind when he pulled the trigger? Look at the bystanders.

What choices do the bystanders have? Are the bystanders guilty of anything?

Who was using their minds?

Using these questions as a guide for your ideas, write a couple of paragraphs in response to the slide, Mr. Langford’s point about using your own mind, and your own reflections.

Teacher's Notes

1. Mr. Langford's point about using your own mind is a powerful one and needs to be emphasized. All of us do things and say things simply because of others. This is true for the social peer pressure our teens confront on a daily basis, it was true in Nazi Germany, and is true when we think of media influence on our attitudes and opinions (manufacturing mass consent, N. Chomsky). For these reasons, it is important we emphasize the importance of doing what each of us believes is the right thing. This is the purpose of these activities.