

## Values Auction

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

You are about to participate in an auction. Each person has \$2000 to bid on items with. You cannot spend more than \$2000, so keep track of your funds carefully. Before the auction begins, look through all the items, decide which ones you want the most, and decide how much you plan to bid on that item. It will be to your advantage not to let anyone else see your planned bids! During the auction, fill in your actual bid(s).

| <u>Item</u>  | <u>Planned Bid</u> | <u>Actual Bid</u> |
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| 1. A better relationship with your parents.                      |                    |                   |
| 2. To be dating the most beautiful person in the world.          |                    |                   |
| 3. \$1, 000, 000 cash  |                    |                   |
| 4. Any car in the world.   |                    |                   |
| 5. To be the best athlete in the world.                          |                    |                   |
| 6. To be very wise.  |                    |                   |
| 7. To be the smartest person in the world.                       |                    |                   |
| 8. To have a happy marriage someday.                             |                    |                   |
| 9. To have healthy children someday.                             |                    |                   |
| 10. To be the most beautiful person in the world.                |                    |                   |
| 11. To find the cure for cancer (does not involve getting \$\$)  |                    |                   |
| 12. To never be hurt (physically or emotionally).                |                    |                   |
| 13. To never hurt anyone (physically or emotionally).            |                    |                   |
| 14. To never die.  |                    |                   |
| 15. To always have a lot of good friends.                        |                    |                   |
| 16. To own any house in the world.                               |                    |                   |
| 17. To become the Prime Minister.                                |                    |                   |
| 18. To be a famous musician.                                     |                    |                   |
| 19. To never be sick.  |                    |                   |
| 20. To be able to read other people's minds.                     |                    |                   |
| 21. To know the meaning of life.                                 |                    |                   |
| 22. To be able to eat as much as you want and never gain weight. |                    |                   |
| 23. To have a time machine.                                      |                    |                   |
| 24. To spend your life helping people who are poor and sick      |                    |                   |
| 25. To be able to fly.   |                    |                   |
| 26. To have perfect parents.                                     |                    |                   |

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| 27. To have a deep religious/spiritual experience        |                    |                   |
| 28. To always be happy.                                  |                    |                   |
| 29. To save many people's lives.                         |                    |                   |
| 30. To be a famous Hollywood actor.                      |                    |                   |
| 31. To become closer to your brother(s) and sister(s)    |                    |                   |
| 32. To be the biggest and strongest person in the world. |                    |                   |
| 33. To always have any clothes you want.                 |                    |                   |
| 34. To have everyone always like you.                    |                    |                   |
| 35. To be able to have any profession you want.          |                    |                   |
| TOTALS:  |                    |                   |

**Questions:** Please answer on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What items did you want the most?
2. Why did you want them? How would your life be different if you got these items?
3. What does your desire for these items say about you as a person? What do you value the most in life?
4. What items do you think you would have wanted most five years ago? five years in the future? Why would / wouldn't your values change?
5. Why did people value items differently than others?
6. What were the hottest, most sought after items for the class?
7. What does the class' desire for these items say about the values of the people in this class?