

## Why is Cheating So Wrong?

*An extension of "Cheating for their children"*

Read "**Cheating for their children**" (page 8, *What's Up* April 2019). Of course, we all know that cheating is wrong. But, do we know exactly what makes it wrong?

Cheating is unacceptable not just because our parents and teachers say so. It goes far beyond that. Think more deeply about this and have a rich discussion in class.

1. Consider these questions on your own first.

- What dangerous values may be promoted by cheating?
- What consequences does cheating have for
  - the cheater?
  - the cheater's classmates and schoolmates?
  - the cheater's friends and family?
  - society as a whole?

2. Have a whole-class discussion. Your class may wish to choose a discussion leader who makes sure that everyone gets to speak.

3. After your discussion, list a few key reasons why cheating to get ahead is wrong.

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4. Now, imagine that someone many years younger than you — a younger sibling, or junior in school — has cheated in some way or other. How would you explain to them, in gentle and simple words, that cheating is wrong?

