

Integrity



What is integrity?



How would you define this trait? _____

Definition provided by teacher: _____

the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.

"he is known to be a man of integrity"

synonyms: honesty, probity, rectitude, honor, good character, principle(s), ethics, morals, righteousness, morality, virtue, decency, fairness, scrupulousness, sincerity, truthfulness, trustworthiness

"I never doubted his integrity"

What does this mean to you?

Quote of the Week:

To think is easy. To act is hard. But the hardest thing in the world is to act in accordance with your thinking.

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

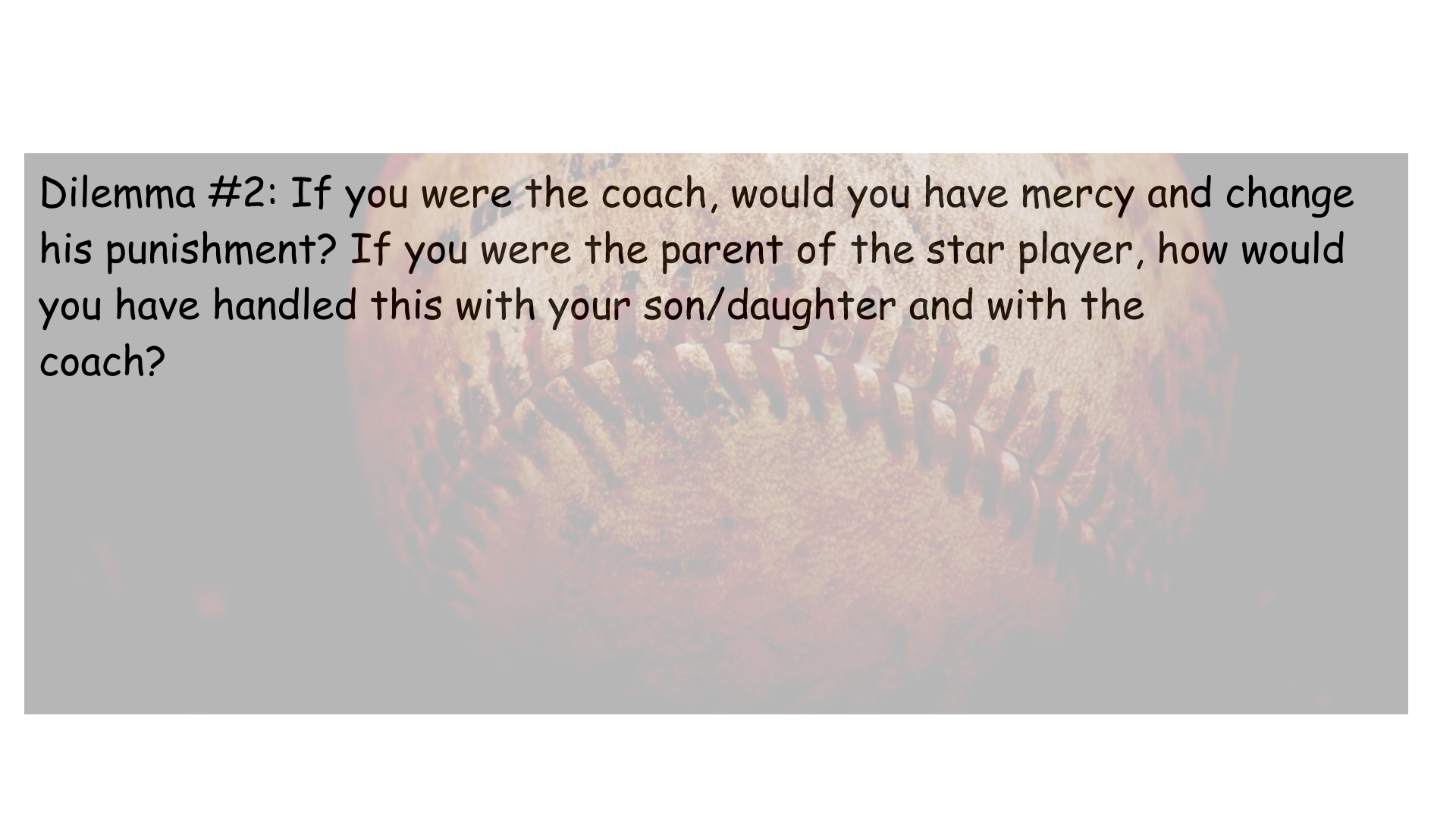




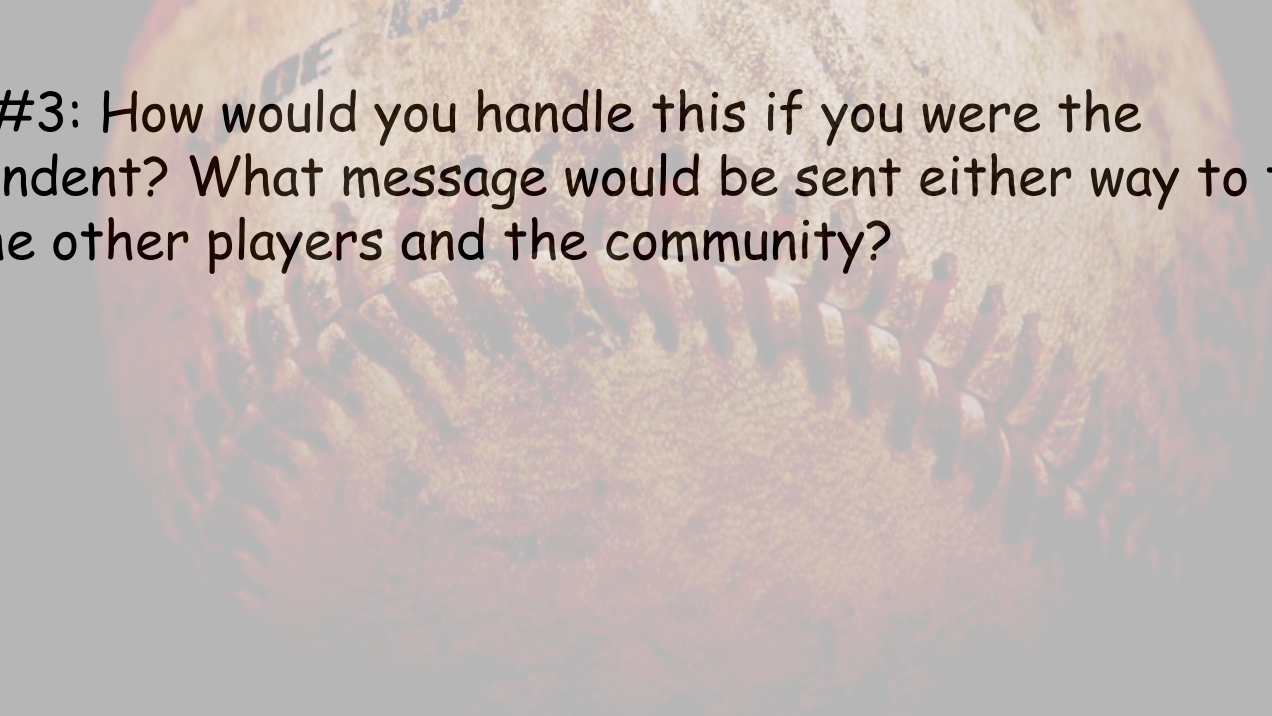
Ethical Dilemma....

Ethical Tuesday....

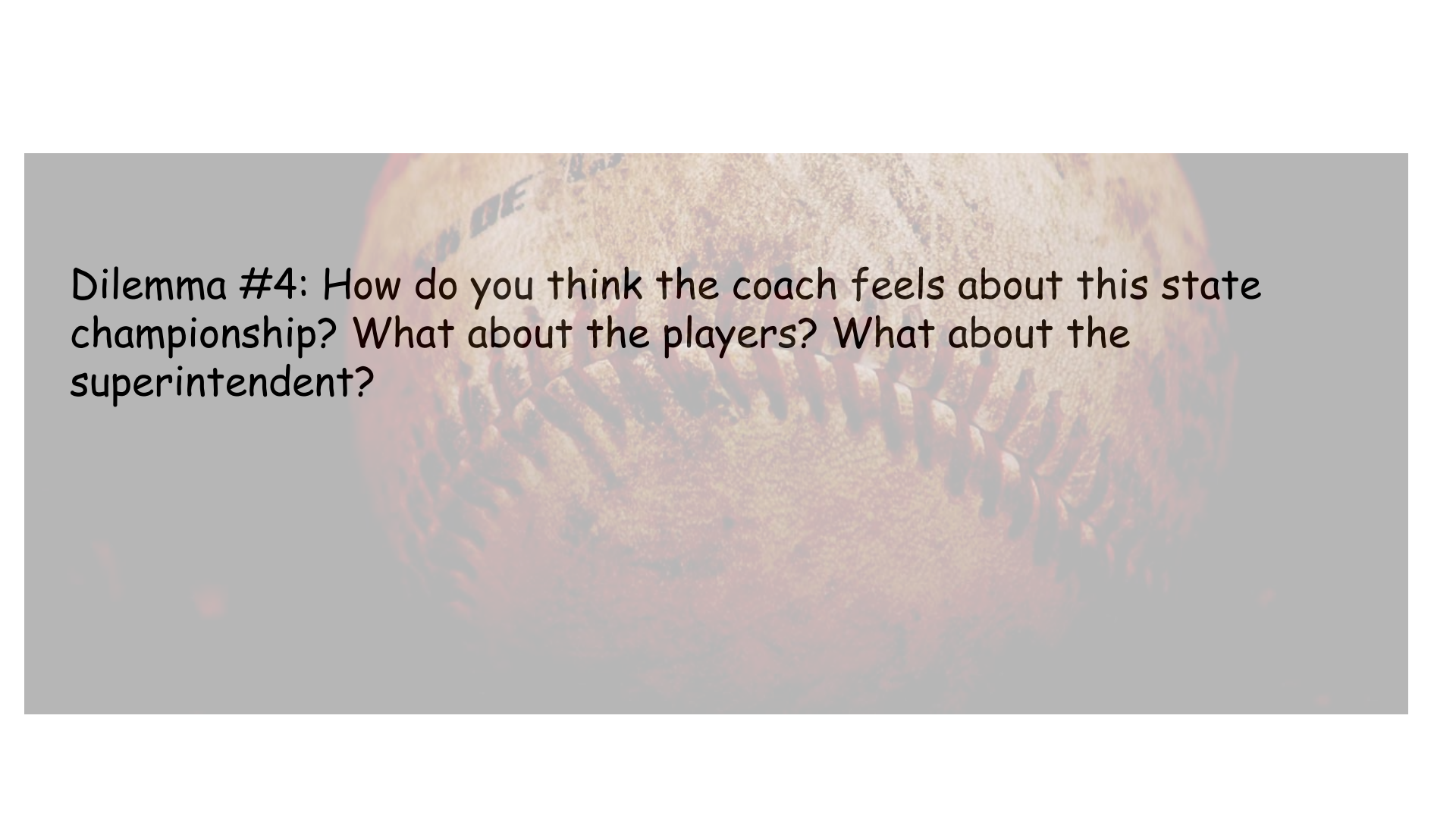
Dilemma #1: If you were the coach and you had two games left to win the state championship and you knew that you probably needed this star player, would you let him back on the team, suspend him for a game or kick him off for the remainder of the year?



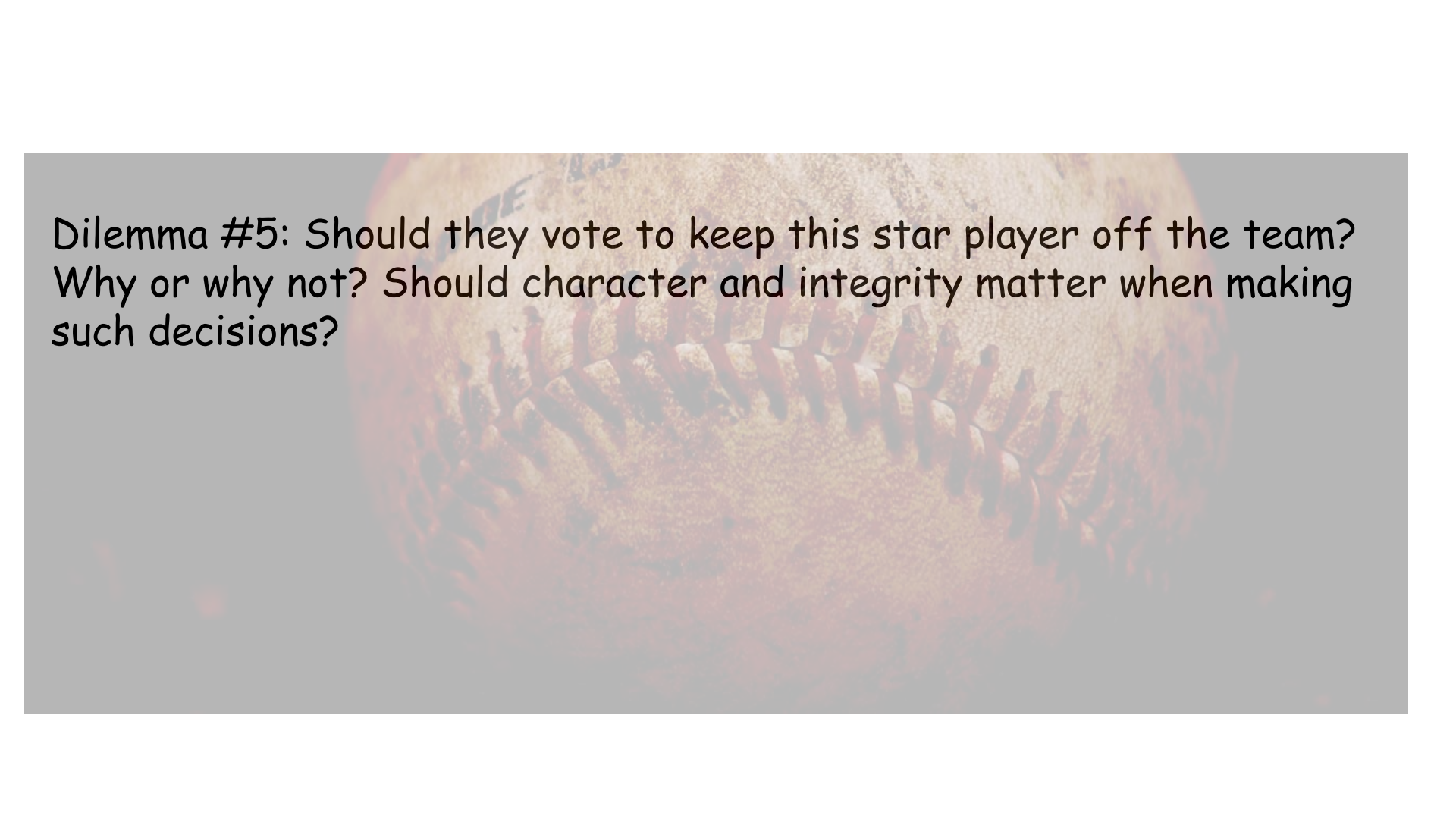
Dilemma #2: If you were the coach, would you have mercy and change his punishment? If you were the parent of the star player, how would you have handled this with your son/daughter and with the coach?



Dilemma #3: How would you handle this if you were the superintendent? What message would be sent either way to the star player, the other players and the community?



Dilemma #4: How do you think the coach feels about this state championship? What about the players? What about the superintendent?



Dilemma #5: Should they vote to keep this star player off the team? Why or why not? Should character and integrity matter when making such decisions?

Take A Stance Exercise





Overview: A good natured cop (Nicholas Cage) is short of cash and promises a waitress 1/2 of his lottery winnings as a tip, should he win. When he does win, he feels a moral obligation to follow through on his promise. This offer understandably causes some tension between Cage and his wife. This lighthearted movie asks the viewer if he/she has the integrity to make good on their word, if it happened to you.

Movie Questions: Choose Three

- 1) The movie asks us all, “What would you do in the same situation?” Would you follow through on your promise to give the waitress half of your winnings?
- 2) Of course, most of us will never win the lottery. This lottery is really a metaphor for many of life’s smaller issues. Are you a person who keeps your word? Do you keep promises? Will you choose to do the right thing in difficult situations?
- 3) Scenes 19 & 20 demonstrate how these characters spread their wealth. If you won the lottery, would you do nice things for other people? What would you do with the money?
- 4) One of the morals of this story is, “What goes around, comes around.” The cop got back what he put in, and the wife got back what she deserved. Do you believe in this concept? Is there Karma in life?
- 5) At the end of the movie, all kinds of people sent in money because they were so inspired with the integrity of the cop and the waitress. In these times when we hear so much about corruption, greed and controversy, do you think people crave positive stories like this?
- 6) Numerous studies document that 70% of lottery winners end up broke within three years. They are often plagued with more life problems than you might imagine. How can such a positive incident lead to something so negative?



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Floyd Mayweather: Integrity??



Phil Hughes: Integrity??



- 1) Did you know all of this about Mayweather? Does it affect whether or not you would pay to watch future fights?
- 2) Some would say that the justice system already sentenced him and he served his time and paid his fine. I just want to watch a fight and I don't care about such things. What do you think about that?



1. Yes, he gets paid a lot of money to play a game, but a half a million is a half a million. Would you have turned down the money? Why or why not?
2. Do you think everyone did the “right thing” in this situation or could someone have done something different?

Basic Skill: Be on time! If not, enter the class appropriately when tardy.

Rationale: No one, regardless of how much money or power he/she has, is excused from being tardy. Family, friends, co-workers and employers expect you to be on time. In school, teachers expect the same. A great deal of class time is lost because students inappropriately enter classrooms and disrupt the lesson plan.

Being late indicates that you don't care about what is happening (indifferent) or that you think you are too important (narcissistic) to show up on time. If people perceive you as indifferent, nonchalant or narcissistic, you will not be thought of in a positive light. If this is a persistent problem, people will develop a certain attitude about you and treat you accordingly. Many opportunities are lost because people establish a reputation of being late. Don't let this happen to you.