

### **THE DATING GAME**

**Instructions:** Choose a person to ask the questions and send them out of the room while you select three (3) "eligible dating partners" from your class, or invite "mystery dates" from another class to participate. (Use three males and three females at a time.) Seat them behind a screen or sheet to protect their identity. The teacher acts as the master of ceremonies and introduces the "mystery dates" to the class. Have the chosen interrogator ask his/her questions of each mystery date one at a time (use suggested questions or write your own) until enough information has been disclosed to make a choice. As a class, vote on date number 1, 2, or 3. Encourage discussion and explanation of the choice. Reveal the selected date.

#### **SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:**

1. How important are looks to you?
2. Is it important for you to be better looking than your date?
3. How would you feel about meeting your date's family on the first date?
4. Do you like to plan the date, or do you like your date to make arrangements?
5. Do you feel parents have the right to set rules for dating concerning curfew and types and places of dates?
6. What makes a good date?
7. Do you think you should kiss on the first date?
8. What do you really dislike about dating?
9. What activities would you like to do on a date?
10. Do you like group dating? Why or Why not?
11. Is it important to you that your friends approve of who you date?
12. What makes you nervous on a first date?
13. What would you do if a person asked you out that you really didn't care to be around? What would you tell them?
14. Do you think it is okay to break a date if you get a better offer?
15. Do you want to go steady?
16. How would you ask someone out?
17. Would you date 4 or 5 people at a time? Why or Why not?
18. Describe your dream date.
19. Would you date someone your parents don't approve of? Why or Why not?
20. Who do you think should pay for the date?

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**DATES THAT RATE**

**Directions:** Have you considered what personality or character traits are important to you in a date? Read the following list and check the appropriate column that best describes your ideas on "**DATES THAT RATE**".

TRAIT	ABSOLUTELY	IT WOULD BE NICE	NOT IMPORTANT
Great Looking	_____	_____	_____
Well groomed	_____	_____	_____
Considerate of others needs	_____	_____	_____
Easy to talk to	_____	_____	_____
Cheerful and optimistic	_____	_____	_____
Acts mature	_____	_____	_____
Shows affection in appropriate ways	_____	_____	_____
Dependable	_____	_____	_____
Intelligent	_____	_____	_____
Shares common interests	_____	_____	_____
Popular with others	_____	_____	_____
Parents and friends approve	_____	_____	_____
Shares my values	_____	_____	_____
Careful with money but not cheap	_____	_____	_____

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<b>TRAIT</b>	<b>ABSOLUTELY</b>	<b>IT WOULD BE NICE</b>	<b>NOT IMPORTANT</b>
Handles conflicts appropriately			
Concerned about my feelings and desires			

**SUMMARY QUESTIONS**

Complete with honest answers only! Remember--this will only have meaning to you if you are honest about how you feel.

1. Did you have many "Absolutely!" answers? How many?
2. What traits are most important to you in a date, as revealed in the ratings?
3. What are your expectations of a date?
4. Do you think you are being realistic in your expectations? Why or Why not?
5. What areas were the least important to you? Why?
6. Is it important that your parents (or friends) approve of your date?
7. In what ways would it be harder to have a relationship with someone whom your parents or friends did not approve?

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**ARE YOU DATEABLE?**

**Directions:** How dateable are you? You may be able to get a good idea by answering these questions. Be fair--don't give yourself the benefit of the doubt.

		YES	NO
1.	Do you have a close circle of friends?		
2.	Do you like to try new activities and meet new people?		
3.	Do you participate in at least one sport?		
4.	Do you use correct grammar and avoid abusive or _____ vulgar language?		
5.	Do you stay away from legal trouble by avoiding illegal _____ activities?		
6.	Do you succeed at school?		
7.	Are you involved with community activities?		
8.	Do your parents usually like your friends?		
9.	Is it easy for you to talk to people? Even strangers?		
10.	Do you have friends of both genders?		
11.	Are you a good listener?		
12.	Will you go out of your way to meet people who seem _____ interesting to you?		
13.	Can you control your temper?		
14.	Are you careful about your appearance?		
15.	Are you polite and considerate?		
16.	Do you have strong prejudices?		
17.	Is it hard for you to show appreciation when someone _____ does a nice thing for you?		
18.	Do you need to jump from one activity to another most _____ of the night?		
19.	Are you embarrassed by your friends or family?		
20.	Do you monopolize every conversation?		

**Analysis:** All but the last five should be answered "yes" to score dateable points. You may not agree with each question, but each one refers to a different attribute. The more attributes you have, the more interesting you may be to others. The last five questions point to personal attributes that are less desirable to most people.

**Scoring:** Give yourself one (1) point for each "yes" answer on questions 1-15, and each "no" answer on questions 16-20. Subtract one (1) point for each "yes" answer on questions 16-20. If you have a score of 16 or more, you're looking very dateable. If your score is less than 15, analyze your answers, find where the trouble is, and begin fixing it!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT DATING INTERVIEW

**Student Directions:** Ask your parent or grandparent (or someone who dated at least 20 years ago) the following questions about their experiences as a "Dater"!

**Parent Note:** The intent of this assignment is to encourage communication between your teenager and you. Sharing some of your dating experiences and frustrations with your teenager should be worthwhile for both of you.

1. How old were you when you went on your first date? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where did you go on your first date? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who was it with? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did you wear on your first date? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. While you were dating, what was an embarrassing or awkward moment?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the most creative date you ever had? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did you like least about dating? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did you enjoy single or double dates more? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you think dating pressures are different now than when you were dating?  
\_\_\_\_\_ In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What safety measures would you suggest for me as I begin dating to help avoid unpleasant situations?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
10. What time was your curfew? \_\_\_\_\_ When can curfews be helpful?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **THINGS GIRLS DO THAT DRIVE GUYS CRAZY**

When asked to list the things that drove guys absolutely crazy about girls, junior high and high school guys came up with this list of the top offenses. Stay calm girls--your turn is coming! Awards are:

### **"Entertainment Tonight" Award**

Girls who don't say a word, or make a suggestion about what to do all evening, and then complain the date was boring. They expect us to be Tom Cruise, Mr. Intellectual and Pauley Shore all in one.

### **"Heard It Through the Grapevine" Award**

Girl grapevines. You mention a certain girl to one of her friends, and the next thing you know everyone is talking about the two of you "going together".

### **"Bag Lady of the West" Award**

Girls that dress in styles so weird, you aren't sure what she is! Strange nail polish and overdone make up , or hairstyles that are bigger than she is are all on the weird list!

### **"Now you see it, Now you Better Not Look" Award**

Girls that wear see through or skimpy clothes that show a lot, and then think you're a pervert if you stare at them! If they don't want you to look at it why are they showing it?

### **"This is Boring.." Award**

This award goes to the girls who have great figures but who can't stop talking about how fat they are, and planning a reducing diet! Give me a break!

### **"The Wedding Belle" Award**

This is the girl who assumes you're madly in love with her when all you're doing is being friendly. She's got the wedding planned and all you did was ask about some math homework.

### **"The Princess" Award**

Girls who go out with a guy over and over, and never offer to help with anything or pay for anything, and they always order the most expensive item on the menu.

### **"Double-Dud" Award**

This is reserved for the girls who go out on double dates, then talk and giggle only to each other all evening. If guys did that they'd have a fit.

**THINGS GIRLS DO THAT DRIVE GUYS CRAZY - PAGE 2****"Desert Stormers" Award**

These are the girls that act like military commanders and try to make over your personality and/or your wardrobe! Like me for who I am, not what you WANT me to be when you get finished with me.

**"I Am SOOO Cool..." Award**

This award goes to the girls who talk about themselves nonstop, but when I try to talk about something I am interested in, they look out the window and yawn.

**"The Get-a-Clue" Award**

This girl won't take a hint that you're not interested--no matter what you do. Clue in, it's hard on everyone when one person hangs on when there is NO hope for romance.

**"Tear-Jerkers" Award**

This goes to girls who cry to get their way or to win an argument.

**"Date Wait" Award**

This is for the girl who's never ready when you go to get her and you have to visit with her parents for half an hour.

**"Megaphone" Award**

This is for girls who talk too loud, giggle, and say dumb things.

**"Please Stay Down-Wind" Award**

This is for the girl who uses too much perfume to try to cover-up offensive odors (e.g., B.O., cigarette smoke, etc.).

**"Dumb Blonde" Award**

This is for girls who aren't stupid at all, but act that way to be funny or impress boys.

**"Going in a Group" Award**

This is for girls who have to go to the bathroom in groups.

**"Primping" Award**

Goes to girls who spend the whole time combing their hair and looking in the mirror.

**THINGS GIRLS DO, THAT DRIVE GUYS CRAZY!**

After MUCH consideration,  
we agree on the following behaviors that drive us CRAZY!

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## THINGS GUYS DO THAT DRIVE GIRLS CRAZY

After interviewing many junior high and high school girls, the list of behaviors that drove them absolutely crazy was just as long as the guys! Now it's your turn, girls, to let guys know just how you feel. Awards were issued for the following:

### **"Let This Call" Wait**

This award goes to the guys who use bad phone manners (such as eating or chewing gum loudly in your ear, or putting you on hold for hours, or watching TV or talking to friends instead of you), that you wish you had missed the call.

### **"Low-Life" Award**

This is especially designed for the guy who calls and asks you if you have a date for the dance. You say, "No, but I'd really like to go." He says, "Good, my cousin can't get a date and I can't go unless he finds one."

### **"Obsessive-Possessive" Award**

Guys who think every guy is out to hustle you. They act paranoid if you even talk to another guy, even if he is just a friend.

### **"Move Into the 90's, Please" Award**

Girls hate being called old sexist names like Chick, Babe, Yo' good lookin', Sweetcakes, Hot Stuff, or the name of the guy's ex-girlfriend. These suggest a male dominance that doesn't make it in the 90's.

### **"Mr. Un-original" Award**

Guys who can't think of anything original to say to a girl, so they rely on "Don't I know you from somewhere?" "Can I go where you're going?" "Wanna Party?" "You have the most incredible eyes I've ever seen". Get with it guys!

### **"Be Mine-Servant, That Is" Award**

Goes to the guy who says things like, "Do my homework," "Get me a drink, oh and while your up, you can make me a sandwich." Please! If you just want a maid, hire one!

### **"The Soap In Your Mouth" Award**

This award is for guys that think girls think it is cool or macho to use obscene or offensive language. Most the time it just lets others know you can't express yourself in a more intelligent way. Get with it!

### **"Huh? What?" Award**

This goes to the guy who is in another world when talking to you on the telephone.

**THINGS GUYS DO THAT DRIVE GIRLS CRAZY - PAGE 2****"Blonde-Boy" Award**

Goes to guys who get intimidated around smart girls; it might be based in the old notion that guys need to be smarter and stronger, etc., etc., than their girlfriend. Not these days! Enjoy a girl who is intelligent--it is even OK if you learn a thing or two from her!

**"Major Nerd" Award**

Goes out to any guy who continues to pressure a girl for sex when she has made it clear that it's not for her. Double goes to guys who sulk after she says no. Be glad she did--are you ready for fatherhood?

**"Make-Over Jerk" Award**

One of the favorite awards is saved for those guys who tell their dates, "I'd like you better if you were a little thinner" or "Maybe you should do your hair like Charlene, she looks great", "Why don't you dress like Sarah?" Girls say, "Why don't you take a hike!"

**"Bad Breath" Award**

Guys who smoke after you tell them you'd rather they didn't. Coming home with smokey clothes and hair is not a girl's idea of a great time.

**"Double Dud" Award**

Goes out to guys who ask girls on a double date and then disappear for two hours at the video game arcade. Remember your date???

**"Zoo" Award**

Goes to guys who climb all over each other in school when having fun.

**"10-Point" Award**

Is for the guy who burps in front of you and his friends and then gives himself a score.

**"Loser" Award**

Is for the guy who can't take losing like a man (especially to a girl).

**"You Can't, You're a Girl" Award**

For the guy who thinks girls are just wimps and can't do the things guys can.

**"Hello" Award**

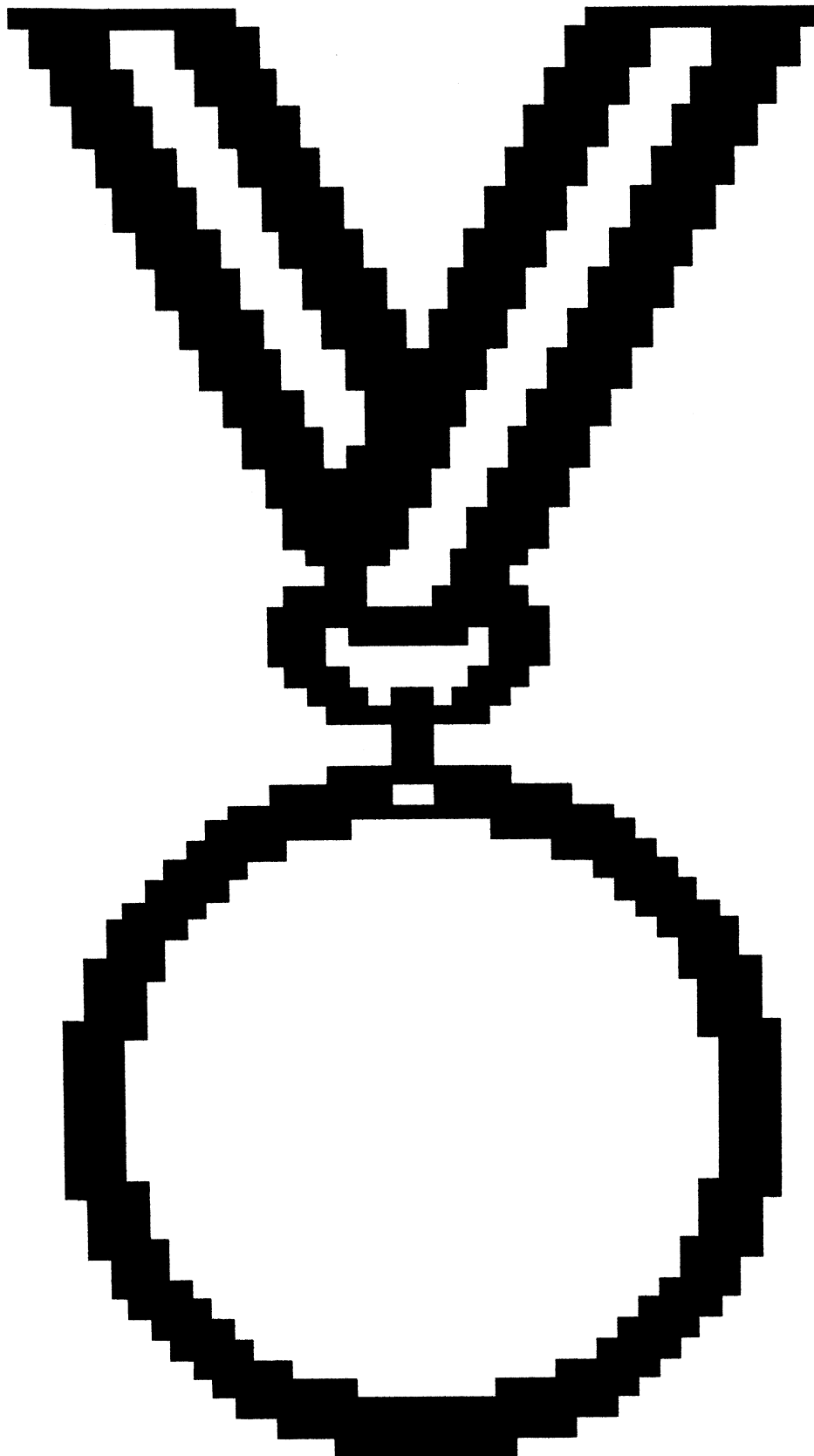
For the guys who call you and then just sit there waiting for you to say something.

**THINGS GUYS DO THAT DRIVE GIRLS CRAZY!**

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we agree on the following behaviors that drive us CRAZY!

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### **HOW TO RATE WITH YOUR DATE - Teacher Guide**

According to a national survey of teens, the following is a list of characteristics each gender group found more attractive in the opposite sex.

#### **GIRLS!!**

##### **HOW TO RATE WITH THE GUYS!!!**

1. Fun to talk to; good at conversation
2. Attractive
3. Acts feminine
4. Neat in appearance and actions  
(i.e., not a slob!)
5. Not too demanding
6. Prompt
7. A good personality
8. Friendly to others
9. Good sense of humor
10. Mature (doesn't giggle all night)

#### **GUYS!!**


##### **HOW TO RATE WITH THE GIRLS!!!**

1. Be a gentleman; polite
2. Fun to talk to; good at conversation
3. Good sense of humor
4. Prompt for a date; respects curfew
5. Sincere; likes the girl for herself
6. Considerate
7. Fun to be with
8. Personable - a good personality
9. Kind
10. Chooses activities wisely

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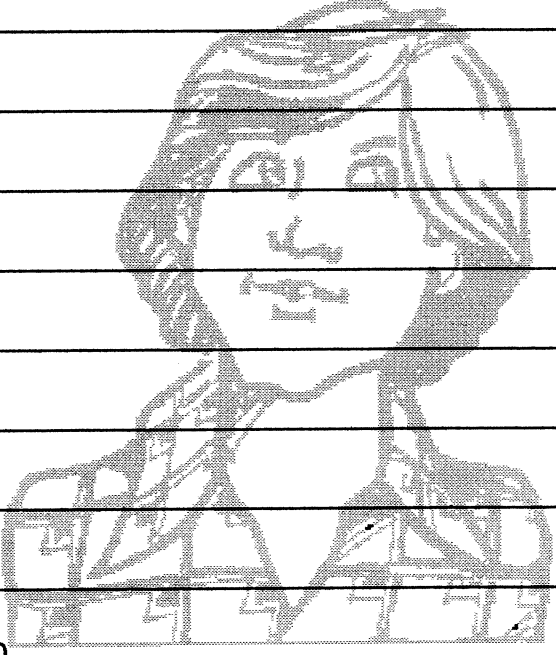
**HOW TO RATE WITH YOUR DATE****GIRLS**

How you will rate with the guys!!!

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  8. \_\_\_\_\_
  9. \_\_\_\_\_
  10. \_\_\_\_\_
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**GUYS**

How you will rate with the girls!!!

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Add three of your own to each list...

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 11. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 13. _____ |

What can you do to make yourself more interesting or appealing to others you may want to date?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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## TEACHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### DATING MOTIVES

1. **What do I expect from dating?** Consider the following answers:
  - I expect someone to do things with, a companion.
  - I hope for a date that is a friend, to understand and accept me.
  - I want someone that has similar values and standards.
  - I expect my date to have a pleasant personality and to be fun to be with.
  - I want someone that I think is good-looking, intelligent; someone I am proud to be seen with.
  - I need to be able to trust my date, and be able to share honest feelings with.
  - I want my date to treat my family and friends with respect and friendship.
  - I expect to live up to these expectations for my dates also.
2. **Why do we date?**
  - Dating is a natural part of growing up, it has many benefits, and is a time to look forward to and enjoy as you experience it.
  - Dating helps in meeting different kinds of people, and it may begin a selection process for the kind of date you enjoy being with. Long term dating helps with mate selection. "You have to date a lot of frogs before you find the prince" or something like that!
  - Dating introduces you to new social settings and gives you new experiences that you might not otherwise take advantage of.
  - Dating gives you companionship.
3. **When is the best age to start dating?**

This is a personal answer, but consider the following options:

  - When you feel socially ready.
  - When your parents give permission.
  - The younger you begin dating, the more likely you are to move to early pairing and single dating. These are not without concern.
  - When YOU are ready, not when your friends are ready. Remember, everyone has a different dating time clock.
  - Girls are generally ready to date before boys are, and are more likely to date older boys.
4. **Who should I date?**
  - Someone you are attracted to--not just a physical attraction, but someone who is intelligent, fun to be around, talented, etc.
  - Someone close to your own age. The older the date is, the more they may expect from you in terms of time involvement, personal commitment, or

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**DATING MOTIVES - Page 2**

physical intimacy. Beware of the older person looking for a young innocent date, and if there is more than a 2-3 year age gap, ask yourself if there is something about that person that hinders them from dating people in their own age group.

- Date someone your parents approve of. Parents are very protective and may get nervous handing over their precious baby daughter or special little boy to a stranger that may have selfish motives. If your parents disapprove of your choice in a date, talk it over and see what you can do to resolve it. You might try going to dinner with your parents so they can get to know him/her better.
- Date someone with similar values and standards. You both will be more comfortable, and you might avoid embarrassing or dangerous situations.

**5. Check your dating motives -**

As you begin the dating scene, keep in mind that not all prospective dates have your best interest at heart. Sad but true. There are healthy and unhealthy motives for dating.

Healthy Motives	Unhealthy Motives
Share social experiences	To be seen socially with the right people
Meet new people	Use another for the places they can take them
Get to know friends better	To make someone else jealous
Have fun	Use another for the presents they can buy them
Try new experiences	Use another for emotional support to get over another person
Go to new places	Use another for physical gratification, or date them expecting physical favors.



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**DATING MOTIVES**

One of the most exciting things about teen years is dating! When you first begin dating, it's like diving into cold water. It's a shock at first, but you get used to it, worries and all! Have you ever thought about dating? Here is some information that will help move gracefully into the dating scene.

WHAT do I expect from dating?

WHY do we date?

WHEN is the best time to begin dating?

WHO should I date?

Check your dating motives:

Healthy Motives

Unhealthy Motives

**TEACHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
DATING RIGHT OF WAYS  
(DATING RIGHTS)**

**As a date, you have the right to:**

1. **Be yourself.** You are a unique person and can make decisions for you concerning you. You have a special personality and need not try to be or act like anyone else. Nobody has the right to pressure you to do something you don't want to do just to please them. If dates don't like you for what you stand for, let them date someone else.
2. **An enjoyable, safe date.** Be sure you understand what the activities are for the evening. If you feel uncomfortable about them, don't go.
3. **Have your values respected.** The values you have established in your life are important to you. Others may have different values, but that's their business. They don't have the right to make fun of you or try to change your values.
4. **Care for and protect your body** from substances, dangerous activities, or sexual advances.
5. **Establish and protect your reputation.** You have the right to act in a way that makes you proud of your actions--not ashamed of them. You have the right to refuse cheap experiences that degrade you or would lower your self-esteem.
6. **Be free from guilt and fear.** You can be free from the fear of pregnancy, free from the fear of AIDS and others STD's, free of guilt and regret by simply saying No to premarital sexual activity.
7. **Say "NO".** It isn't easy to say no to your friends when they are planning an activity that is risky or illegal, especially if they dare you, or threaten you. Saying no will help you gain confidence and feel good about yourself.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DATING RIGHT OF WAYS**

**Directions:** As you discuss the rights that everyone is entitled to as one who dates, write down the most important points.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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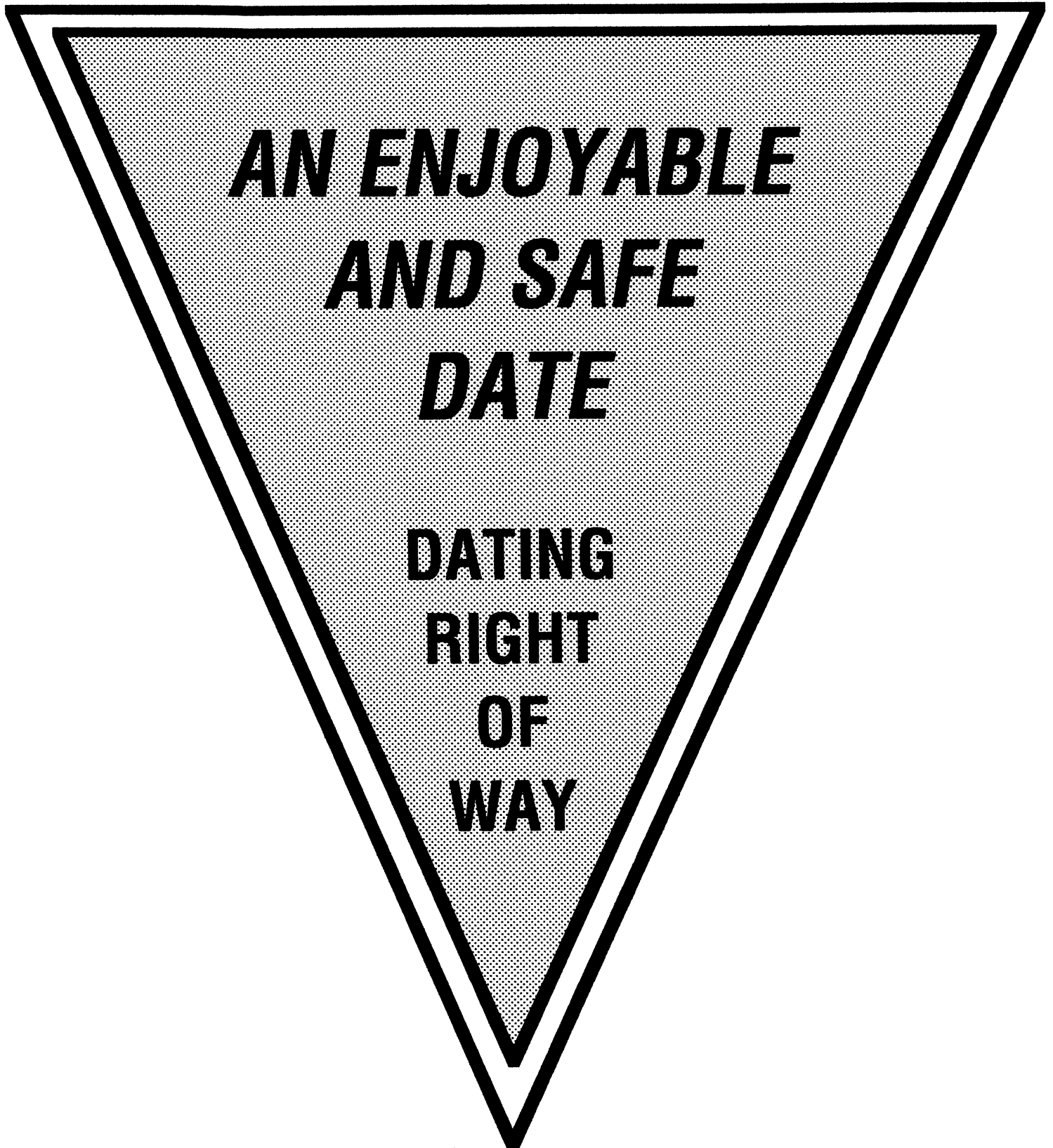
8. Write 3 more dating rights you feel are important and that are not listed above.

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RIGHT  
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***BE  
YOURSELF***

**DATING  
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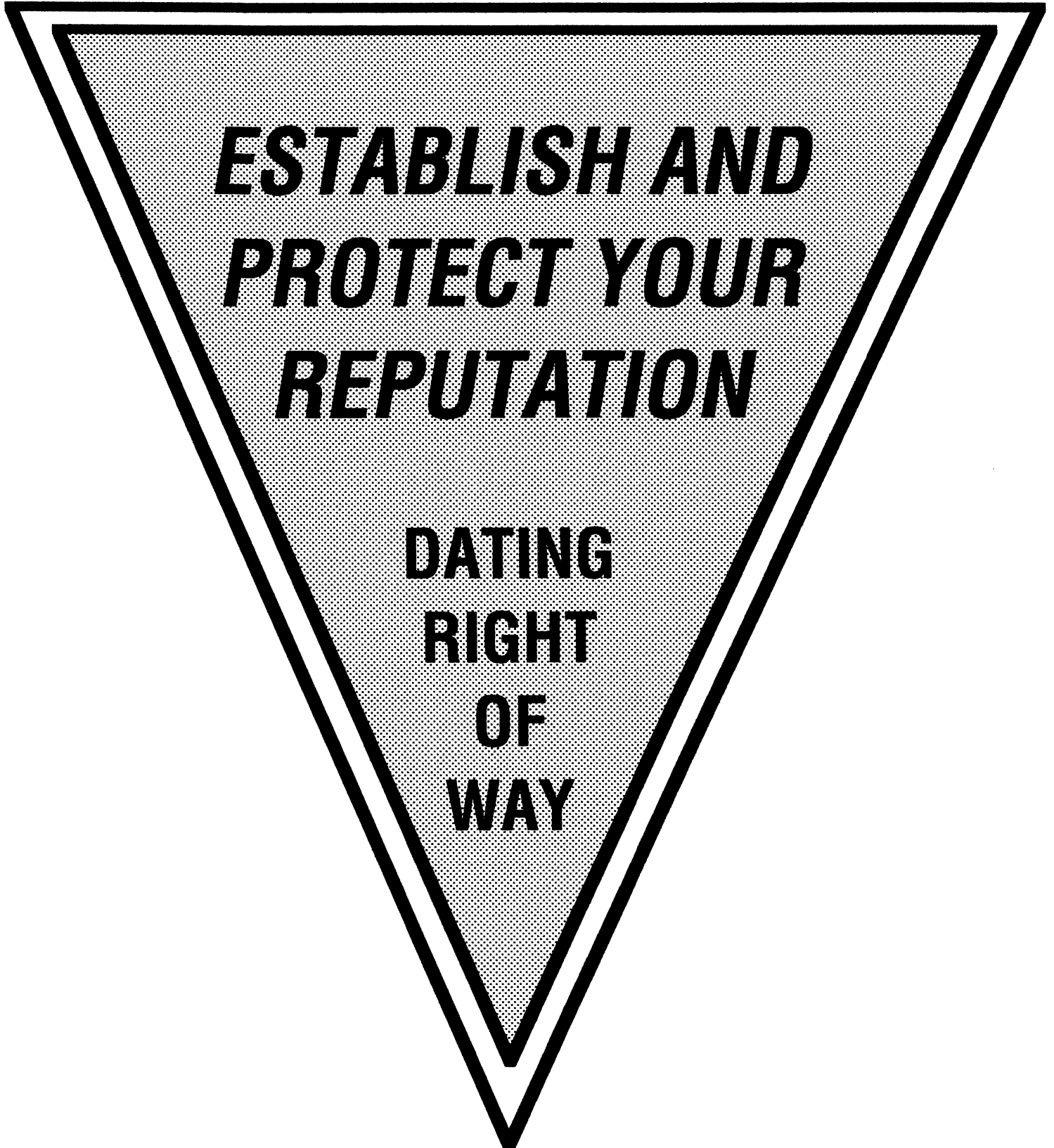
***HAVE YOUR  
VALUES  
RESPECTED***

**DATING  
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WAY**



***CARE FOR  
AND PROTECT  
YOUR BODY***

**DATING  
RIGHT  
OF  
WAY**







***BE FREE FROM  
GUILT AND  
FEAR***

**DATING  
RIGHT  
OF  
WAY**



**SAY  
"NO"**

**DATING  
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WAY**