Cheating: What Do I Think?

Directions: Read the following opinions about cheating. Put an X beside a number if you agree with the opinion. Write your own opinion at the end.

___ 1. If someone cheats, he's only hurting himself. Other students shouldn't tell on him because it's none of their business.

___ 2. Cheating isn't a big deal. If you want to get good grades, you have to do it.

___ 3. If a classmate copies your paper during a test, they're taking advantage of you. They could get you in trouble, too.

___ 4. You won't learn anything if you cheat on tests—except how to look innocent when you're not.

___ 5. People who cheat are probably dishonest in other ways also.

___ 6. Lots of kids cheat because they feel desperate. Their teacher is mean, and they hate to look stupid.

___ 7. In order to be successful in the business world, you should learn how to cheat. Adults cheat all the time—on their income taxes and anything else that involves money.

___ 8. It's important to be honest with yourself and other people. Not cheating is a matter of personal honor.

___ 9. If you see someone cheating on a big test, you should tell the teacher. Otherwise, everyone's test scores will be messed up.

___ 10. The best way to stop cheating is for other students to put pressure on the cheaters.

___ 11. If you cheat, your teacher feels bad, and nobody wants to make their teacher unhappy.

___ 12. The only way to stop cheating is for teachers to watch everyone. Basically, they can't trust any kid.

Write your own opinion of cheating below—or on the back of this page.