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**Saint of the Day:** Most Blssed Virign Mary

**\*Worth 15 points**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Each month (September – March, with the exception of December) you are required to undertake a Christian examination of something from popular culture (examples listed below). Your goal is to highlight the deeper messages (good or bad) within the element from pop culture you chose and figure out what kind of action a trying-to-be-a-saint Christian should take.

**\*Important Note:** This does **NOT** give you free license to do anything your parents would not normally want you doing (Examples: watching bad TV shows, buying bad magazines/songs/music videos, etc.). For this assignment you should not have to go looking in deep and dark places. Rather, just keep your eyes and ears open as you go about your daily life.

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### **A. Element from Pop Culture (1 pt.)**

Did you choose an Advertisement? Book? Celebrity? Fashion trend? Magazine? Movie? Music video? News story? Phone app? Internet site/story/picture/video/trend? Video game? OTHER?

Other. It's sort of a like a trend or tradition I guess.

### **B. Element Specifics (1 pt.)**

Give the specifics of the element of pop culture that you chose.

*\*Example answer: I chose the song and music video "Wrecking Ball" by Miley Cyrus. This song is currently the #1 song and #2 music video in the world according to iTunes.*

*I'm choosing Black Friday as my pop culture to examine.*

### **C. CHRISTIAN EXAMINATION (10 pts)**

- What kind of messages does your element give? (Good/bad/both?) Explain to support your answer.
- How do these messages compare to Christian teaching? WWJT? (What Would Jesus Think of this element?)

I think Black Friday kind of gives off some bad messages. Thanksgiving is supposed to be a day where we give thanks for what we have and all the blessings in life and be with your family. The dictionary definition is "the expression of gratitude, esp. to God". This is a day where should be with our family and give thanks to God, but a lot of people now a days go and camp out at retailers doors waiting for the doors to open and the good deals begin. I don't think there is anything wrong with a good deal, but on this day when were supposed to be giving thanks for what we have, and instead we as a society are only looking to get more. People have even been killed getting trampled when the doors open. I just think that is so ridiculous because once again, we are supposed to be giving thanks, but we are so greedy for more that we turn into animals and don't even care what we do to get there. All we want is to get the best things for the least amount of money, and we don't care how we do it. Not to mention, people camp out for hours and sometimes even a

whole day when they should be spending it with their family. Overall, I just think that it's a bad day to have it and to encourage people to be greedy and want more when the whole idea of the day is to be grateful for what you have.

**D. TAKE ACTION! (3 pts)**

Based on my examination of this element from pop culture I, a trying-to-be-a-saint Christian, believe that I should... Encourage people in my family or friends not to go Black Friday shopping or at least hang out with your family all night and go bright and early in the morning the next day. I myself will not go Black Friday shopping and try to get others to just be grateful for what they have.