

Before dropping, please save as: **Lastname.Firstname.EPC.September.doc**



**Name:** Marley Webb

**Class:** 7GA **Date:** 9/27/15

**Saint of the Day:** St. Vincent De Paul  
(Pray for me!)

**\*Worth 20 points**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Every other month (starting in September) you are asked 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 example 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.

---

## **THE BASICS**

### **A. What kind of example from pop culture did you choose? (½ pt.)**

**\*Example answers:** Advertisement, book, celebrity, fashion trend, magazine, movie, music video, news story, phone app, song, Internet trend, video game, etc.

I chose a magazine

### **B. Give the specifics of the example of pop culture that you chose. (½ pt.)**

**\*Example answer 1:** The song “Bang Bang” by Jessie J, Ariana Grande, and Nicki Minaj. This song is currently the #4 song (and #4 music video) in the world according to iTunes.

**\*Example answer 2:** I chose a billboard advertising beer. The billboard showed a picture of a woman not wearing many clothes drinking a beer and saying, “Let’s drink til’ the sun comes up.”

I chose shape magazine and the cover shows a woman wearing hardly any clothes and exposing a lot of skin. The magazine also has a lot of inappropriate headlines on the cover.

### **C. How morally good/bad would you consider your example? (1 pt.)**

**\*Example answer 1:** 75% good, 25% bad. / **\*Example answer 2:** 10% good, 90% bad.

100% bad

## **CHRISTIAN EXAMINATION**

*Put your Catholic goggles on and examine the example you chose.*

### **What are its main messages? (3 pts.)**

The magazine has a lot of articles on the cover about how to make yourself skinner and be thin or how to change your appearance to look good and it talks about relationships. People don’t need to be skinny fit and thin to be happy or pretty and they don’t need to change things about themselves to look better to other people. People also don’t need to have advice on relationships because a lot of them include inappropriate things and I

think that people don't need help on what to do with their relationships because they can figure it out by themselves.

**What would Jesus think about it? Why? (3 pts.)**

Jesus would not approve the magazine because the woman on the cover has a lot of exposed chest on the picture and Jesus would want us to keep our bodies private. I don't think that Jesus would like any part of the magazine because all that it talks about is relationships, and how to improve your looks. Jesus wouldn't want people to read it.

**What kind of good and/or bad effects could this have on a person, community, or culture? (3 pts.)**

This could change the way that people act and they could take advice from the magazine and try to make themselves skinner but end up with an eating disorder. This magazine could also change the way that they look speak and act around other people.

**ACTION STEPS (9 pts.)**

**PERSONAL ACTION STEP:** Based on my examination of this item from popular culture, this is what I can do to help *myself* be saintlier. (3 pts.)

I will not buy this magazine. If enough people just don't buy them, they cant sell them because they will not be making profit.

**INTERPERSONAL ACTION STEP:** Based on my examination of this item from popular culture, this is what I can do to help *those around me (parents, siblings, teachers, friends, teammates, etc.)* be saintlier. (3 pts.)

I can not tell people about the magazine unless they already have them, then I could just show them the message that the magazine is actually telling people and hope that they stop reading it.

**COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL ACTION STEP:** Based on my examination of this item from popular culture, this is what I can do to help *my community (school, town, etc.) and culture (the behaviors and beliefs in America)* be saintlier. (3 pts.)

I can turn these magazines around in stores. I have already seen two of them in target endcaps and have turned them around. The first time that I did this two little kids came into the line and if I hadn't turned it around, it would have been right at their eye level and that magazine is not something that they need to see at that age.