



First & Last Name: _____

Class: _____ Today's date: _____

Saint of the Day: _____

(Pray for me!)

INSTRUCTIONS: Every other month (starting in September) you are asked to undertake a Catholic examination of something from the current world of popular culture (e.g. Advertisement, book, celebrity, fashion trend, magazine, movie, music video, news story, phone app, song, Internet trend, video game, etc.). Your goal is to highlight the deeper messages (good or bad) within the example you chose and then figure out what kind of action a trying-to-be-a-saint person should take.

***Important Note:** This does **NOT** give you free license to do anything your parents would not normally want you doing (e.g. Searching for explicit music or watching R-rated movies). You shouldn't need to go searching far and wide for something. Rather, think about what is currently really popular or trending among teenagers in the world today and then put your "Catholic goggles" on and begin analyzing it.

What are you examining from popular culture?

THE 3 TRANSCENDENTALS (Truth, Goodness, and Beauty)

How true, good, or beautiful is it?

(Type one of the following answers for each: *Completely, Mostly, Somewhat, Barely, or Not at all*)

TRUE (How much truth does it speak or show about God, life, love, sin?)

GOOD (How morally good and "Jesus-friendly" is it?)

BEAUTIFUL (How much of it moves your heart in a good, uplifting way?)

CATHOLIC EXAMINATION

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

What are the main messages within this? Do they match up with a Catholic worldview? Why or why not? *Go deep and connect wide!*

ACTION STEPS

Based on your examination of this example from popular culture, what can you do to help yourself, others around you, and the culture at large be saintlier? *Go deep and connect wide!*

5 MAIN TAKEAWAYS OF 8TH GRADE EXAMINING POP CULTURE ASSIGNMENTS



TAKEAWAY #1

Some pop culture is _____. A lot of it is _____. Most of it is a little of _____.

TAKEAWAY #2

“You become what you _____.” or “You are what you _____.”

The stuff you _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ DOES affect you. (Studies prove this!)

TAKEAWAY #3

Don't know if something is good or bad for you? Ask _____ or _____

Would Jesus watch, see, read, listen to, focus on, or give his time to this? Would Jesus be _____ of you for this? Would the _____ in Heaven be _____ you on?

TAKEAWAY #4

Take _____!

a. _____ **action:** Choose things which encourage or help you be a _____ and reject things which tempt you or cause you to _____.

b. _____ **action:** Help others (friends, siblings, teammates, parents, etc.) make good, saintly _____.

c. Community & _____ **action:** Help the community and culture around you become _____ and _____ through your actions.

TAKEAWAY #5

If you're going _____, you're probably going _____!

Since a lot of pop culture flows away from _____, you will most likely have to go _____ the current at times to be holy.

In other words, be _____! (or be like the _____!)