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GRADES 9-12 | LESSON 2

STUDENT JOURNAL

WHY TRAFFIC LAWS EXIST

ABOUT THIS JOURNAL: Traffic laws are not random rules — each one exists to prevent crashes and keep roads predictable. This journal asks you to look at the laws not as restrictions, but as the product of real human experience.

REFLECTION PROMPTS

PROMPT 1

Before today's lesson, did you know about Arkansas' Move Over Law? If not — why do you think so many drivers don't? If yes — where did you learn it, and do you think most drivers in your community know it? What does that gap in awareness cost road workers?

PROMPT 2

Think about a traffic law you personally find annoying or unnecessary. Now try to argue the other side — why does that law exist? What specific harm was it designed to prevent? Does understanding its purpose change how you feel about it?

PROMPT 3

Describe a situation (real or imagined) where following the right-of-way rules at an intersection prevented a crash. Then describe a situation where someone failing to yield led to a close call or crash. What is the difference in those two outcomes, and what does it tell you about why these rules matter?

MY COMMITMENT

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