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GRADES 9-12 | LESSON 9

STUDENT JOURNAL

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? CRASH RESPONSE

ABOUT THIS JOURNAL: In the Street Smart video, Andie stays calm and walks Austin through every step after they are rear-ended. Austin admits: “Not sure what I would’ve done without you.” Most people assume they’d handle an emergency correctly. Research consistently shows otherwise — panic overrides intention, and people default to instinct rather than knowledge. This journal asks you to build that knowledge now, before the moment you need it.

REFLECTION PROMPTS

PROMPT 1

Imagine you are Austin in the video — just rear-ended at a stop sign. Before this lesson, what would your first three moves have been? Write them out honestly. Now compare them to the eight-step sequence from the video. What did you get right? What would you have done too early, too late or not at all? What does that gap tell you about how most people respond to unexpected emergencies?

PROMPT 2

The Haddon Matrix says crashes are system failures — not just driver failures. Think about the crash in the video: The other driver wasn't paying attention. Using the three phases (pre-crash, crash, post-crash), identify at least one factor in each phase that contributed to, or could have changed what happened. Then think of a crash you know about from your own life or community. Apply the same three-phase lens. What could have been different at each stage?

PROMPT 3

Andie says at the end: "Of course, what are friends for?" She knew what to do because she was prepared. Write out the eight-step post-crash sequence from memory — without looking at your notes. For any step you couldn't remember, go back and look it up and explain in your own words why that step matters. Which step do you think most people get wrong, and why?

MY COMMITMENT

MY CRASH RESPONSE COMMITMENT: