## *Alligator River*

**Aims**

**To help you realize the different perceptions, values and attitudes people have even on common, everyday happenings. You will learn about the difficulties in finding consensus about value judgments and explore the reasons why we see people differently.**

**DIRECTIONS:**

* **Read the Alligator River Story.**
* **After reading the story (and without any discussion with your peers) rank the five characters in the story beginning with who you consider to be the most offensive (worst) and end with the one you consider to be the least objectionable. That is, the character that seems to be the most reprehensible (WORST) to you, should be entered first, in the list following the story, then the second most reprehensible and so on, with the least reprehensible or objectionable character being entered in the fifth space.**
* **Write down alongside your rankings, the reasons as to why you ranked the characters in the way that you did.**

**Read the Alligator River story:**

**"Once upon a time there was a woman named *Abigail* who was in love with a man named *Gregory*. Gregory lived on the shore of a river. Abigail lived on the opposite shore of the river. The river that separated the two lovers was teeming with man-eating alligators. Abigail wanted to cross the river to be with Gregory. Unfortunately, the bridge had been washed away by a heavy storm the previous evening.**

**"So she went to ask *Sinbad*, a riverboat captain, to take her across. He said he would be glad to if she would consent to go to bed with him before he takes her across. She promptly refused and went to a friend named *Ivan* to explain her plight. Ivan did not want to be involved at all in the situation.**

**"Abigail felt her only alternative was to accept Sinbad's terms. Sinbad fulfilled his promise to Abigail and delivered her into the arms of Gregory.**

**"When she told Gregory about her amorous escapade in order to cross the river, Gregory cast her aside with disdain. Heartsick and dejected, Abigail turned to *Slug* with her tale of woe. Slug, feeling compassion for Abigail, sought out Gregory and beat him brutally. Abigail was happy to see Gregory getting his due. As the sun sets on the horizon, we hear Abigail laughing at Gregory."**

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