

EPIISODE

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Dad Genes

Theme:
PERSPECTIVES

Common Core State Anchor Standards

Comprehension and Collaboration

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.4

Present information, findings, and supporting evidence so that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and so that the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

EXTEND: POST-GAME DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LESSON DURATION

10–20 minutes

21ST CENTURY LEARNING COMPETENCIES

Life and Career Skills

- Initiative and Self-Direction

EPIISODE CHALLENGE

Tahmid's father is suffering from severe stomach pain, but is hesitant to come to the clinic, even though he has seen the medical director in the past. Students must figure out the best way to convince Tahmid's dad to put his health first.

Learning and Innovation Skills

- Critical Thinking
- Communication

EDUCATOR PREP

Discussion Facilitation Strategies:

- Whole group
- Turn and Talk
- Small group
- Fish bowl
- Independent

Conversation Starters




- “I agree with you because ___.”
- “I disagree with you because ___.”
- “Could you tell me more about why ___?”
- “What did you mean when you said ___?”
- “Have you considered ___?”
- “Adding to what you said...”
- “Can you give an example?”
- “What you said made me think about . . .”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What reasons does Tahmid's dad, Devesh, give Tahmid for not wanting to come into the clinic even though he's experiencing intense stomach pain? What does Brendan suspect is the real reason Devesh doesn't want to come in?** *Tahmid's father, Devesh, says he doesn't want to take time away from work, it's hard to schedule an appointment, and he feels the problem will sort itself out on its own. Brendan knows that the last few times Devesh came in there were scheduling problems due to the medical director's busy schedule, and he wonders if that has something to do with it.*
- 2. Based on what you learned in the episode, why should Marianne take over as Devesh's doctor?** *Marianne should take over as Devesh's doctor because she doesn't have a busy schedule at the clinic and is ready for more patients. In addition, she treated him once and they got along well.*
- 3. How did Marianne take the initiative when her work schedule was light and she wanted more to do?** *Marianne took the initiative when she wanted more to do at work by helping Brendan out with case files, offering to help Tahmid, reviewing Devesh's food journal, and offering to take Devesh on as her own patient.*
- 4. In this episode, you, as the medical director, had too much on your plate with such a busy work schedule. Describe a time in your life when you had**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (continued)

Support 

- Select specific questions that students must answer. Differentiate to individual students as needed.
- Review discussion questions with students prior to gameplay.

too much on your plate. What happened? What did you do to fix it? *Answers will vary. Possible answers include:* A time in my life when I had too much on my plate was when I was playing too many sports during the fall season and struggling with math in school. I had practice every day and no time to study. I decided to drop basketball to make more time for my homework and to bring my grades up.

5. In the episode, did you choose to take personal responsibility for Tahmid’s dad’s care if he’s willing to come back in, or did you have Tahmid tell Devesh that Marianne can take over his care if he’s willing to come back in? Why did you make that decision, and what happened as a result? Use evidence from the episode to support your decision. *Answers will vary. Possible answers include:*


- I chose to take personal responsibility for Tahmid’s dad’s care because I was his primary doctor. As the medical director I was in charge, and my patients should respect my values and advice. However, because I chose to do this, Devesh was still hesitant to come in due to my busy schedule, so I was unable to help him.
- I chose to have Tahmid tell his dad that Marianne can take over his care because my schedule is too busy. Marianne has a light schedule right now, she has worked with Devesh before, and they got along well. Since I chose to do this, Devesh came into the clinic, and treatment is underway.

Ground Rules for Debate 

- Speak clearly.
- Listen attentively.
- Respect all opinions.
- Wait your turn to speak.
- Continue discussion using sentence stems.

DEBATE QUESTION

In the halls between classes you continually notice one student being bullied. The bully happens to be one of your friends. This friend has never treated you this way and you’re surprised and saddened to see him or her acting so cruelly. What do you do first? Do you approach your friend directly, or do you tell someone and ask for help? Explain your reasoning.

Tech Tip 

Post the debate in Google Classroom and allow students to comment on each other’s responses using conversation starters. Or, post the debate on Padlet and have students vote.

Answers will vary. Possible answers include:

I would approach my friend directly first, because:

- it will keep the trust with my friend.
- it might stop the bullying more effectively because my friend will listen to me.
- I could find ways for all of us to become friends.

I would tell someone and ask for help first, because:

- I want to make sure i’m saying the right things, so it’s better to ask for advice so i don’t make things worse.
- it might stop the bullying more effectively to have an adult or authority figure step in.
- bullying is serious, and more people need to get involved to make sure it stops for good.

POST-GAME DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Directions: Complete each discussion question, using complete sentences. Use evidence to support your answers.

1. What reasons does Tahmid’s dad, Devesh, give Tahmid for not wanting to come into the clinic even though he’s experiencing intense stomach pain? What does Brendan suspect is the real reason Devesh doesn’t want to come in?

2. Based on what you learned in the episode, why should Marianne take over as Devesh’s doctor?


3. How did Marianne take the initiative when her work schedule was light and she wanted more to do?

4. In this episode, you, as the medical director, had too much on your plate with such a busy work schedule. Describe a time in your life when you had too much on your plate. What happened? What did you do to fix it?

5. In the episode, did you choose to take personal responsibility for Tahmid’s dad’s care if he’s willing to come back in, or did you have Tahmid tell Devesh that Marianne can take over his care if he’s willing to come back in? Why did you make that decision, and what happened as a result? Use evidence from the episode to support your decision.

Post-Game Discussion Questions (continued)

5. _____

 **Debate Question!** _____

Answer the following question, using complete sentences.
Be sure to state your opinion and support it with reasons.

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WHAT INITIATIVE WOULD YOU TAKE FIRST?	
I would approach my friend directly, because:	I would tell someone and ask for help, because:

Do you have another idea of what you would do first in this situation?

