

# 1 Spring Break Assignment

## 1.1 “Page 123 What Would you Do?”

- The Wallet Assuming my current situation, if it's easy to get the wallet back to the owner I do so. Carrying 500 dollars on oneself is foolish, but it's not my money to take. Perhaps I place a small photograph of a frowning man in the wallet.
- The Big Party If they ask, I tell them. I'm not going to lie to my parents, and I know they're going to ask anyway, so it doesn't really matter. But I'm not even really that interested in big parties like that anyway, so it doesn't really seem like something that would come up.
- Sexist Remarks I call them out on it, as I definitely have in the past. I'm a pretty big feminist, and I'm not going to back down on something I feel strongly about, like that.
- The Test Academic honesty is something I don't compromise on. I would sooner take a zero on a test than cheat, but considering I've worked these problems anyway it's not a big deal. It's sufficient to say I would turn down the offer.

As a side note, I see “conscience as a myth” and have to question which figures they've found to deny the existence of a personal conscience. Even someone who thinks that organized religions use conscience as a tool wouldn't try to claim that there is no such thing as conscience, just that it doesn't come from God.

## 1.2 “Page 124 in the margin in pink font under a Book Icon.”

1. Conscience as superego, in that it's from a source that's not god. I don't actually see what's so wrong with this, because God is just as much a source of outside psychological conditioning early in life as authority is in most of the United States. In my view of morality, good should be done for a love of one's fellow man, not out of fear of an all-powerful deity.
2. This is conscience as majority opinion. This is a flawed worldview on so many levels, but it's surprisingly common. Anyone with this view of morality should seriously reconsider what they're doing.
3. This is the hedonistic conscience as a feeling. There is actually very little wrong with smoking marijuana, but the real fact of the matter is it's not a moral issue. Joe is willing to take the legal risks and social stigma associated with marijuana use, and it's his choice whether to do that. I thoroughly believe marijuana is a non-moral issue, even though the drug does not appeal to me.
4. I'm not sure how to report on something here, but the issue of racism is often dismissed with a sort of conscience-by-majority-opinion thing. It can be seen in modern times with the racism (and religious discrimination) against muslims from the middle east.

### **1.3 page 125 in the margin in pink font under a Heart Icon.**

I've done very, very little in the past week. I'm going to stretch it to include a school week as well. Of course, I always do my homework. I never cheat on tests.