

ACTIVITY: Alligator River

After reading the story, rank the five characters from most morally reprehensible to least objectionable. Note your reasons for ranking them in that order. Then, get into small groups and discuss your rankings and reasoning. Work towards a consensus and collectively rank the characters as a group. Be respectful and considerate of your peers' views and remember to justify your position. When you are done, write your group's rankings on the whiteboard in the allotted space.

Once upon a time Jamie was in love with Alex. Alex lived on the shore of a river. Jamie lived on the opposite shore of the same river. The river that separated the two lovers was teeming with dangerous alligators. Jamie wanted to cross the river to be with Alex. Unfortunately, the bridge had been washed out by a heavy flood the previous week. Therefore, Jamie went to ask Dana, a riverboat captain, for a ride.

Dana agreed to take Jamie across the river the next day if Jamie spent the night. Jamie promptly refused and went to Sam, a dear friend, to explain the situation. Sam did not want to get involved at all in the situation. Jamie finally accepted Dana's terms. The next morning, Dana eventually took Jamie to Alex. When Jamie told Alex about the journey across the river, Alex did not want anything to do with Jamie.

Heartsick and rejected, Jamie turned to Andy for advice. Andy, feeling compassion for Jamie, brutally beat Alex. Jamie was overjoyed because of the beating. As the sun set on the horizon, people heard Jamie laughing at Alex.

Name	Reasoning
Most Reprehensible	
Least Objectionable	

