



Ometz Lev - Purim

Teacher' Guide

People and Situations	What could the people have done safely?	What were the possible outcomes of fighting back, rebelling, etc.?	Describe the risk involved?	Why do you think the person/people decided to fight back, rebel, etc.?
Vashti refuses to dance for the king in front of the king's court (Esther 1:10-22)	She could have appeared before the king and danced.	She could be killed, exiled, etc. She could avoid the embarrassment of dancing in front of the court.	Vashti could have died, been exiled, etc.	Open-ended.
Mordechai refuses to bow down to Haman (Esther 3:1-6)	He could have bowed down to Haman.	Mordechai could be killed, arrested, etc. He could cause Haman to become angry and try to wipe out all of the Jews.	Mordechai could put himself and/or his people in harm's way.	Open-ended.
Queen Esther goes to King Ahasueros (Esther 4:11-5:4)	She could have done nothing at all and lived without revealing her true self.	Esther could be killed. She could convince her husband, the king, to save her people.	Esther could have died.	Open-ended.