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**Real life situation:**

* On March 26th it was reported that Jayson Kenney’s child, Madden Jenks was hurt while playing in the Millennium Park playground.
* As Madden was on his father’s shoulders reaching for the monkey bars, he screams, “ouch,” and his father identifies that his son’s hands are bleeding.
* Blades had been put on the monkey bar and on multiple areas of the playground
* Jayson pondered what if the blades had sliced his son’s wrists

**Central knowledge question:**

How does our view of the world influence what we consider to be cruel?

**Connection between your real life situation and your knowledge question:**

* The environment we have grown up in has structured our view of the world in a way that has allowed us to identify cruelty exists. As we are children ourselves, we sympathize with Madden who has encountered such an assault of being intentionally harmed by blades. We recognize that harming a child is cruel, for it can psychologically damage their young minds and possibly even lead them to commit similar immoral behavior.

**Outline**

* We will describe our real life situation, then introduce the main knowledge question
* Real Life Situation: Two year old Madden Jenk’s hands are sliced by blades at a playground
* Knowledge Question: How does our view of the world influence what we consider to be cruel?
* We will then discuss personal experiences with slavery through the perception of the victim and the aggressor
* Common Sense Realism
* Prison of Consistency
* Incorporate real life situations of slavery
* What is the role of religion in determining what is moral and what is immoral?
* Free Will Defense
* We want to compare several religions and their views on immorality
* Transition into first secondary knowledge question- How can emotion affect our decisions?
* Emotional Coloring
* Social Specific Intuition
* View the side of the victim and the aggressor in their role in abuse
* Compare the portrayal of cruelty in two artworks and the effect they have on the observer
* The James Lange Theory
* Transition to second secondary knowledge question - How can reason play a role in shaping our actions?
* Moral Principle
* Moral Relativism
* Describe personal experience with bullying and incorporate real life instances
* Art as Education
* Explore the psychological effect of aggression on the victim and the aggressor
* Discuss Franz Kafka’s writing style in his books.
* Relate all the claims made to the real life situation and main knowledge question
* Conclusion: Immoral behavior is highly determined by perception and exists within us all

**Significance of conclusions for your real life situation and beyond:**

* Immorality is always within us
* Society prevents us from displaying it
* Emotions can force us to conduct immoral acts, sometimes we will feel guilty or other times we won’t
* Perception determines how we classify cruelty whether we are the perpetrator or the victim.

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