

Conflict Resolution Case

Alligator River Story

Once upon a time there was a woman named Abigail who was in love with a man named Gregory. Gregory lived on the shore of a river. Abigail lived on the opposite shore of the river. The river that separated the two lovers was teeming with man-eating alligators. Abigail wanted to cross the river to be with Gregory. Unfortunately, the bridge had been washed away.

So Abigail went to ask Sinbad, a riverboat captain, to take her across. He said he would be glad to if she would consent to go to bed with him. She promptly refused and went to a friend named Ivan to explain her plight. Ivan did not want to be involved at all in the situation.

Abigail felt her only alternative was to accept Sinbad's terms. Sinbad then took Abigail across the river.

When Abigail told Gregory about her deal with Sinbad, Gregory cast her aside with disdain. Heartsick and dejected, Abigail turned to Slug with her tale of woe. Slug, feeling compassion for Abigail, sought out Gregory and beat him brutally. Abigail was happy to see Gregory getting his due.

Rank the five characters from the most offensive character to the least objectionable. The character whom you find most reprehensible is first on the list; then the second most reprehensible, and so on, with the fifth being the least objectionable.

1 (Most offensive)5 (Least objectionable)

Ask yourself about the character you ranked as most offensive:

- Is this the kind of person you least want to be like?*
- What kind of person would be the opposite of this character?*
- List three things you could do or are now doing to be like the opposite of the person you rated as most offensive.*