**Desert Island Activity**

*Instructions: Pretend we've all been marooned on a desert island for the rest of our lives. How will decisions be made and what type of government, if any, would you like to create? Come to consensus on some basic rules:*

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| How should decisions be made on the island: how do you find/build shelter, how do you gather food? |  |
| What if there are mean, weak, and/or skilled/smart people in your group? How do we treat them? |  |
| What if someone takes something from another person? How are people protected? Is it every person for him or herself, or does someone watch out for others? |  |
| Do you need a government for your island? Why?  |  |
| What will happen if no one is responsible for decision making? |  |
| What traits or characteristics of basic human nature do you need to think about in organizing how your island will be run? In other words, are humans basically good or evil? |  |
| What form of government would you select for your island? Why? |  |