

How are democratic decisions made?



- 1 Thumbs up if you understand the words in the vocabulary box. Thumbs down if you don't. Thumbs sideways if you are not sure.



Vocabulary

choices

decisions

democratic

impulsive

thoughtful

awesome

majority

rule

fair

overrule

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Watch the video *Making Tough Choices with Kid President*.

Kid President explains that we make thousands of decisions every day. When we make a decision we usually have to make a choice. There are several ways we can make these choices.

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Which do you think are the best ways to make decisions?

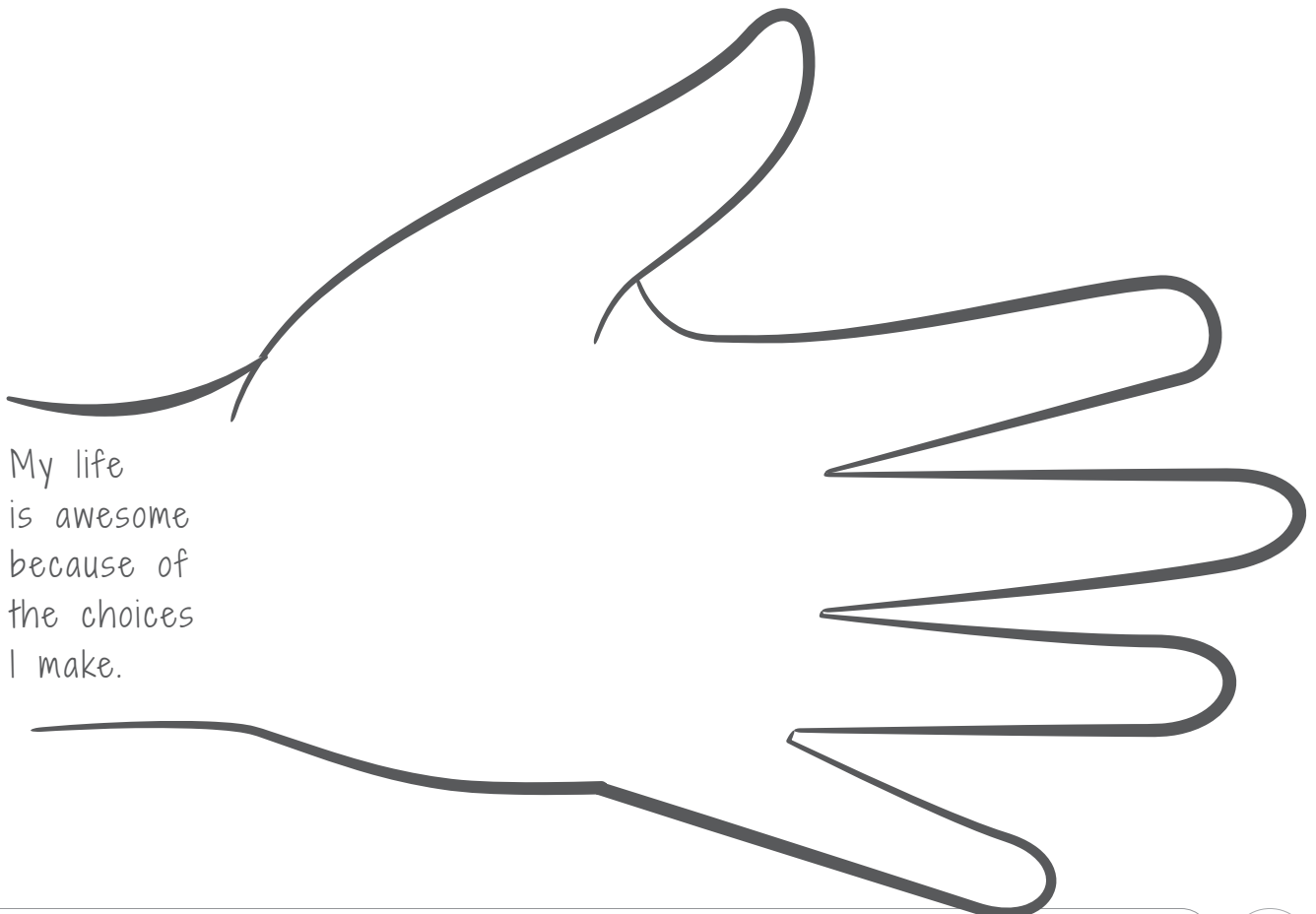
- Be impulsive (don't think about it at all)
- Don't do anything
- Let someone else make the decision
- Follow everyone else
- Be thoughtful

Kid President states that choices matter.

“The little decisions that you think are little, are actually a really big deal. The choices we make, make our lives.”

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Write inside the hand how to make choices that will make your life awesome.



Sometimes, everyone has to come together to make a group decision. In democratic decision making everyone has one vote. Whatever most people vote for is the winner. This is called 'majority rule'.

5 Even some animal groups make democratic decisions. Watch the video about African wild dogs.

6 The African wild dogs vote by sneezing. Make a list of ways people can vote.



Democratic decision making isn't always fair to everyone.

7 Look at the image of the playground.

The children made a choice to play on the equipment.

How has the majority rule affected the girl in the wheelchair?



8 A majority vote can be overruled at times.
 Look at the picture. Why might the coach overrule the decision to play soccer?



9 Write some other times when someone may overrule a majority decision.

10 Think about what you have learned about making democratic decisions and complete the PMI Chart.

P Plus	M Minus	I Interesting

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These two images are of the same ferry with different names. Who do you think changed its name and why?



I think	Why I think that

Use the weblink from your teacher to check your answer.

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Sometimes decisions are made by chance, for example using scissors, paper, rock. Another example of making decisions by chance is by drawing straws.

Explain what you think this is and illustrate your answer.