

DUE APRIL 25TH

Scenario 3 all answers must be half page answers

Brendan was in 6TH grade when he was caught cheating on his math quiz. He had been doing poorly in math and his parents had threatened that if he didn't raise his grades, they wouldn't let him play on the baseball team. So, he cheated. When the teacher asked him about it, he denied it at first, but finally admitted to writing down the answers ahead of time.

A parent conference was called, and Brendan had to sit with his parents, the teacher, and the principal to discuss the school policy on cheating and lying. On the way home, his father told Brendan he was deeply disappointed in him and expected more from him in the future. That night, Brendan felt like the whole world was against him, but he also felt guilty for letting his parents down.

That weekend, Brendan and his family went to a movie. When they got to the ticket window Brendan's dad asked for children's tickets for both Brendan and his 16-year-old brother. Brendan looked over at his brother, who stared down at the sidewalk and hunched his shoulders hoping the ticket seller wouldn't notice that he was well above the age for a child's ticket. The ticket seller glanced suspiciously back and forth between the father and the brother, and then, with a doubtful look on her face, she handed them the two child's tickets. This happened every time they went to the movies, and it always made Brendan feel weird.

On the way home from the movie, Brendan asked his father why it was okay to lie and cheat the theater out of money but not to cheat on his math quiz. His dad responded that sometimes it's okay to lie as long as nobody gets hurt.

The rest of the way home Brendan just got more and more confused. Cheating on his test hurt nobody. He didn't steal the answers from any of the other students. If he hadn't gotten caught, he would have been praised. How was what he did different from what his dad did over and over again? And should he continue to stay silent the next time his dad lied?

What would you do in this situation? Do you think it was ethical what his father did? Did it feel hypocritical what the father did as an adult? Do you think what Brendan did was ethical? Explain.