

## Parental Styles

**Read the following scenarios. On a separate sheet of paper, explain how you would handle the situation in one paragraph. In a second paragraph, explain how your own parents would handle the situation.**

1. A two year old child throws a tantrum in the middle of the grocery store. The child continues to scream and fall to the ground kicking their feet despite your efforts.
2. You told your five year old daughter that she could not use your good china for her tea party. Later that evening, you go to her room and your china is all over her floor and has a "play-dough" food caked all over them.
3. Your seven year old son will not get dressed in the morning for school. Despite all your best efforts, he drags around. This is causing you a great deal of stress and you are late for work because of it.
4. Your child's teacher calls you at home and says that your daughter is doing very poorly in school. Her grades are very low. You know your ten year old is capable of doing better.
5. You have just found out that your teenager has been leaving the house each night after you have gone to bed. The gas gauge in your car has been low many mornings even though you can remember filling it up the previous day.
6. You are cleaning your teenager's room one day and lying on their desk is their report card. There are four C's and two F's. Your teenager is a sophomore.