

ACTIVITY 1.1: How Should We Decide?

Which of these decision-making models would work best in the following scenarios?



AUTOCRATIC: one person decides for the group



DEMOCRATIC: everyone has a say or vote, but the final decision is determined by what is most popular



CONSENSUS: group members discuss options and all must come to an agreement to support a decision in the best interests of the entire group

- You have been assigned to a team to complete a group science project. The group must build a bridge out of popsicle sticks. Each member will be evaluated on their participation.
- Your school is organizing a fundraiser on Halloween. A decision needs to be made about which charity will receive the money.
- The basketball game is tied with time running out in the fourth quarter. The team only has seconds to decide the next play.
- It is movie night with your family and you need to figure out what to watch. Luckily, there are many good choices.
- A new play structure is being built at the local park and the features need to be determined.
- You are buying poster board for group work at school. The store has two colours to choose from and a decision must be made quickly because the store is closing.

DEBRIEF:

What are the strengths and limitations of each decision-making model?

	AUTOCRATIC	DEMOCRATIC	CONSENSUS
Strengths			
Limitations			