



## Everybody Does It... Responsible Behaviour and Choices Assignment

**Instructions:** Please read the following story, *“It’s OK, Son, Everybody does it...”* by Jack Griffin. Write a reflection on the story: what did you think of it? What has it taught you? How does it give insight into making better choices? How does it apply to your own incident, and your own life?

**Format:** Please ensure the reflection you submit is:

- typed, double-spaced
- in essay format
- at least 500 words in length
- respectful and reflective in tone

*It’s OK, Son, Everybody Does It...*  
By Jack Griffin

*When Johnny was six years old, he was with his father when they were caught speeding. His father handed the officer a twenty dollar bill with his driver’s license. “It’s OK, son,” his father said as they drove off, “everybody does it.”*

*When he was eight, he was present at a family council meeting presided over by Uncle George on the surest mean to shave points off the income tax returns. “It’s OK, kid,” his Uncle said, “Everybody does it.”*

*When he was twelve, he broke his glasses on the way to school. His Aunt Francine persuaded the insurance company that they had been stolen, and they collected \$75. “It’s OK, kid,” she said, “Everybody does it.”*

*When he was fifteen, he made right guard on the high school football team. His coach showed him how to block and at the same time grab the opposing end by the shirt so the official couldn’t see it. “It’s OK, kid,” the coach said, “Everybody does it.”*

*When he was eighteen, Johnny and a neighbour applied for a college scholarship. Johnny was a marginal student. His neighbour was in the upper three percent of his class, but he couldn’t play right guard. Johnny got the scholarship. “It’s OK, son,” his father said, “Everybody does it.”*

*When he was nineteen, he was approached by an upperclassman who offered the test answers for \$50. “It’s OK, kid,” he said, “Everybody does it.” Johnny was caught and sent home in*

*disgrace. "How could you do this to your mother and me?" his father asked. "You never learned anything like this at home".*

Blanchard, Kenneth and Peale, Norman Vincent (1988). The Power of Ethical Management, pgs. 23-2. New York: William Morrow Co.

**Deadline:** Your completed assignment is due back to the Community Standards Assistant, [rezrules@uoguelph.ca](mailto:rezrules@uoguelph.ca) by 11:59pm on the deadline stated on your original sanction letter. Please list the title of your assignment in the subject line of your email.