



TREATY NEGOTIATION WORKSHEET

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

YOUR GOAL:

To get all of your son's or daughter's sacred place for your personal use.

YOUR SITUATION:

- You are starting a new business and you need your child's place for the business.
- You do not view this space as "sacred". It's not a church or temple so it can't be all that important.
- You have already started using this space and have let others use it, too, so it should be no surprise that you need it.
- Your child doesn't even use this place to its full potential, and it seems to you that s/he keeps it dirty. Your child obviously does not need this space, because s/he doesn't use it properly.
- Everyone in your family are doctors and lawyers and it makes matters worse that your child wants to be a lion tamer. Her space is filled with what you call "circus garbage". You need to talk sense into this child and convince her that what she wants to be is worthless.
- You already use your daughter's bedroom for another business so you can't really go elsewhere in the house.
- This is for the good of the whole family so your child should be willing to sacrifice.
- You own the house and you make the rules. The whole negotiation thing is just a formality. You could just throw your child out of his/her place but you're trying to be nice. You wouldn't look good to the rest of the family if you did that.

Alone, or as a group, answer these questions. There are no right or wrong answers but doing your best thinking will help with your upcoming negotiation with your pretend parent.

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How will you deal with unhappy family members if you just take your child's space?

You can't get rid of your child (and s/he's not your favorite anyway) so what can you do to make him/her agree? What might the long-term effects be? Do you care?