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Scenarios – Humiliation or Respect?

When someone holds more power than another person, they have the ability to influence the other's behavior. This can be done through cooperation (hug), persuasion (carrot), or threats (stick). Using respect usually involves either cooperation or persuasion, while threats often result in some level of humiliation for the other. Read through these scenarios and propose a possible respectful and a possible humiliating response.

1. President Andrew Jackson decides that he wants more land for white settlers in North Carolina. There is a large community of Cherokee Indians who live on the land he wants.
Humiliating action by Andrew Jackson:
Respectful action by Andrew Jackson:
2. Your teacher is reviewing the material from the first semester. She calls on you and you don't know the answer. How might she react?
Humiliating Response:
Respectful Response:
3. A student on the basketball team has difficulty focusing. He is a good player when he is focused, but recently, he gets easily distracted and seems to be miles away from the game. How do you, or your coach react?
Humiliating Response:
Respectful Response:

4. You are a senior and there are a handful of new freshmen on the baseball team. One of them is relatively good, and knows it. He tells everyone what to do throughout your practices. You do not want a second coach, and you want the freshman to understand the way the team works. How do you react?

Humiliating Response:

Respectful Response:

5. Your best friend's little brother heard you and your friend talking. You had shared a deep, dark secret (for example: you had a crush on another friend's girlfriend / boyfriend). The little brother had made public your secret, hoping to be more popular at school. How do you react?

Humiliating Response:

Respectful Response:
