HIV/AIDS

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HIV
Human Immunodeficiency Virus...a virus that attacks the immune system.

AIDS
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome...a disease in which the immune system of the patient is weakened.

HIV / AIDS - The Global Picture

- At the end of 2002, an estimated 40 million people worldwide were infected with HIV/AIDS
- HIV is now Pandemic (a global outbreak of an infectious disease)
- Every 6 seconds
How HIV is transmitted...
HIV can be transmitted from an infected person to an uninfected person only in certain ways:
• Blood
• Semen
• Vaginal Secretions
• Breast Milk

SEXUAL INTERCOURSE
SHARING NEEDLES
MOTHER TO BABY

You can greatly reduce your chance of HIV infection by abstaining from sexual intercourse and avoiding the use of injected drugs.

TEENS AT RISK
• US rate of new infections has fallen slightly since 1985
• New drug therapies help AIDS patients live longer
• Create a false sense that AIDS is no longer a problem

TEENS HAVE ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING RATES OF HIV INFECTION

Teens at risk...

Abstinence and HIV / AIDS
• Teens feel pressure to experiment with new behavior
• Actions today can change the course of your entire life
• Choosing to remain abstinent shows that you are taking an active role in caring for your own health and not jeopardizing the well being of others

How to use refusal skills
• Avoid situations and events where drug use or the pressure to engage in sexual activity is likely to occur
• Practice refusal skills. Be firm. Use body language as well as words to get your message across.
• Choose your relationships carefully.
Do Now: Please answer ONE of the following questions from the film;

1. Do you agree with the lawyer who claimed the women had a responsibility to protect themselves? Why or why not?
2. Would you agree with the sentence that he received? Should he have been charged for attempted murder?
3. How has watching this film and learning that Nassau County has the highest suburban infection rate of HIV/AIDS in the US changed any of your future behaviors?

THE "HANDSHAKE" GAME

Homework
• Read pages 662 - 667
• Answer Q1-4
1. Could this ever happen in Garden City? Do you know and trust the behaviors of EVERYONE in this school?

2. Describe some of the risky actions that the teenagers in the school took? Do you think this is a realistic portrayal of typical teenage behavior?

3. Name any new things you learned about HIV and AIDS in the film.

4. Describe the reactions of the following groups upon learning that they or their family could have been potentially exposed to HIV: Rachel, the teenagers at school, the parents.

5. List some of the best ways to avoid exposure to HIV and AIDS.

6. What effect did Rachel's potential contact with HIV have with her boyfriend, friends, fellow classmates, mother?

7. Describe some of the daily struggles for Sarah living with HIV.

8. What are some misconceptions about HIV or prevention of HIV amongst teenagers?

9. Describe how a decision made in your youth can change the course of your life.

10. In a "conservative community" how would you get the message out about the spread of HIV in a high school?

11. Why is TRUST so important in any relationship, i.e., friends, parents, boyfriend, girlfriend?

12. Do you think people with HIV are looked at differently? Why or Why not?

13. How do the students react when they hear that Rachel might be infected with HIV?