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	A Declaration of War: Media & Religion From: Michael Medved, Hollywood Vs. America, HarperCollins, 1992. pp.37-49			
BE 1.	FORE READING THE MEDVED HANDOUT:  How are teenagers typically portrayed in the Media (TV shows, news reports, movies)? Why do you think the the way it does? Is the typical portrayal a fair and accurate one? Why or why not? Does the Media stereotype			
2.	Does the way teenagers are portrayed in the Media influence the attitude that adults have towards teenage think that the Media portrayal of teenagers influences the way you are treated by adults (like your parents)?			
3.	Do you think it is fair for adults to base their attitudes and assumptions about teenagers on what they see of and in the movies? Why or why not?	n television (news, shows)		
4.	Does the Media stereotype minorities (for example, African- or Hispanic- Americans)? How? If you consider yone of these minorities, how do you think the Media's portrayal of your race or ethnic group influences the vamedia stereotype of the "majority"? If you consider yourself part of the "majority," how might the Media's ethnic groups influence you behavior towards members of those groups? Do you think the media portrayal of way others treat you? How?	way others treat you? Is there s portrayal of other races and		

AF	TER READING THE MEDVED ARTICLE:  According to Medved, what attitude has the Media ("Hollywood") taken towards organized religions (specifically Christia denominations), and why?
6.	What are some specific problems that Christians had with the movie <i>The Last Temptation of Christ?</i> Does Medved think that the studi
	responsible for releasing the film addressed these problems fairly? Why or why not?
7.	How were those who protested the film's release portrayed by the Media (give a specific example)? Was this fair? Why or why not?
8.	What is different about the way Hollywood treats Christianity and the way it treats other interest groups, according to Medved? List

specific examples from the article.

9.	Think for a moment about some TV shows you watch regularly or movies you have seen recently. How is organized religion portrayed? Are any of the characters religious? How are they portrayed? Why do you think this is the case (in other words, what might the TV show) film be trying to say about religion through its portrayal of the religious character)? Be sure to tell me what TV show or film you are talking about.
10.	How do you think the Media portrayal of organized religions might influence the way those religions are viewed and understood by people who are not members of them?
11.	How might the Media portrayal of organized religions influence the attitude and behavior of the members of those religions?
12.	Ask your parents/guardians if they remember the controversy surrounding the release of the film <i>The Last Temptation of Christ</i> . What do they recall about the film and about those who protested it? Did they see the film? Why or why not? What do/did they think about those who protested the film's release?