

# CRITICAL THINKING JOHN HARBAUGH

Use the following critical thinking questions to help foster an open, student-led discussion on the theme(s) discussed in this episode of The Harbor.

#### 1. THROUGHOUT THE EPISODE, IT'S APPARENT THAT COACH HARBAUGH IS VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS JOB.

What reasons does Harbaugh give to explain why he's so passionate about coaching?

#### 2. COACH HARBAUGH SHOWS A LOT OF APPRECIATION FOR BOTH TEACHERS AND COACHES BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITY THEY HAVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' LIVES EVERY DAY.

Think of a past teacher, coach, counselor, or administrator of yours who helped you considerably. How did they help you? How can you show them your appreciation?

#### 3. IN DISCUSSING LEADERSHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DISCIPLINE, COACH HARBAUGH TELLS LEADERS TO, "CONFRONT EVERYTHING, BUT DON'T CONFRONT ANYONE."

What does he mean by this? Do you think inspiring someone to change their actions can eventually help change their character? Why or why not?

### 4. COACH HARBAUGH SAYS THAT WINNING IS LESS ABOUT THE TROPHY AND MORE ABOUT CHERISHING THE MOMENT ITSELF.

Think of a time where you won an award you had to work towards. Which was most important to you — the award itself, the feeling of winning, or both? Why?

## 5. COACH HARBAUGH BELIEVES THAT CHARACTER IS ALL ABOUT TREATING PEOPLE RIGHT, SO THAT WHEN DECISIVE MOMENTS COME, YOU HAVE CREDIBILITY AND PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU.

Think of someone in your life who has this kind of character and how they have dealt with decisive moments or crises in their life. What's one way you can be more like this person?



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