Sociology
Lesson 16
Handout 23

Name_____
Date_____

Lost on the Moon

You are in a space crew originally scheduled to rendezvous with a mother ship on the lighted surface of the moon. Mechanical difficulties, however, have forced your ship to crash-land at a spot some 200 miles from the rendezvous point. The rough landing damaged much of the equipment aboard. Since survival depends on reaching the mother ship, the most critical items available must be chosen for the 200 mile trip. The fifteen items left intact after landing are listed. Your task is to rank them in terms of their importance to your crew in its attempt to reach the rendezvous point. Place a number *1* by the most important item, and number *2* by the second most important, and so on through the least important, a number *15*. You must solve this problem as a crew; before a number can be placed beside any item the entire group must decide on it.

_____Box of matches

_____Food concentrates

_____Fifty feet of nylon rope

_____Parachute silk

_____Portable heating unit

_____Two .45 caliber pistols

_____One case dehydrated milk

_____Two 100-pound tanks of oxygen

_____Stellar map of the moon's constellations

_____Life raft containing CO_2 bottles

_____Five gallons of water

_____Signal flares

_____First aid kit containing injection needles

_____Solar-powered FM receiver-transmitter

_____Magnetic compass

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