

NORMAL?

Distribute **paper** and **pencils** with this explanation: We just arrived from another planet. We want to study the "normal" teenager on Earth. To make the most efficient use of our time, we will divide into five groups, each of which will take a look at a different event or item related to teen life to get a clear picture of what it means to be a teenager today.

Divide participants into five groups. Ask each group to discuss one of these events or items, summarizing on paper what this event or item tells them about today's teenagers, *using no other information than what they can glean from their assigned event or item:*

- a junior high or high school math class
- several currently popular TV shows starring teenagers
- 3 hours of MTV

- a church group similar to ours

Each group can ask, concerning its area:

- From what we observe here and now in this setting (or item), what do we learn about today's teens?
 - What do they value?
 - What do they want out of life?
 - What do they think and feel?
 - How do they treat others?
 - What do they talk about?
 - How do they feel about themselves?

Give groups time to discuss, then gather and ask groups to report.