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## *Song of Solomon*: Understanding Perspectives

It is often hard to understand a character's perspective on issues that are so vastly different from your own. To help us bridge this gap, we will watch RSA's animated speech entitled "The Truth About Dishonesty." Write your thoughts and ideas as we watch this video below. They will be important for our discussion today.

Having watched the film, contemplate the following questions and discuss them with your group. Write down your discussion points to record your group's ideas.

- What does Dan Ariely say about how we justify our actions?
- Are we all inherently bad given our actions or do we just have bad outcomes with good intentions?
- Is something ethical because of our intentions or our results?
- Is this more of an ethical or moral issue?

Taking a step back, think about how the Seven Days operates in *Song of Solomon*. What are they trying to achieve and why? Do you agree or disagree with them ethically and/or morally?

Before we can go further, we need to think about what draws these men to participate in the Seven Days. Look at their social, political, and economic circumstances. Why might this group be appealing to them?

Could you classify the Seven Days as a gang? Why or why not?

Could you classify the Seven Days as a racist organization? Why or why not?

Could you classify the Seven Days as terrorists? Why or why not?

What would they classify themselves as? Why?

What can we understand about the novel or humanity by looking at these issues from a differing perspective?