

Kohlberg Recall Practice

Directions

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2. Read the Review! Heinz's Dilemma and underline the central idea(s) with the whiteboard marker!

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Answers will vary based on your level of moral development!