

## *Star Trek: TNG* “Measure of a Man”

### Learning Module Guide

While viewing *Star Trek: The Next Generation* “Measure of a Man” answer the following questions:

1. According to the prosecution (Commander Riker) what entities are members of the moral community?
2. According to the prosecution (Commander Riker) what is Data’s purpose? What is the source for that purpose?
3. Do children have a purpose? What is the source, if so, of that purpose? Are children property?
4. According to the defense (Data and Capt. Picard) what entities are members of the moral community?
5. Which entity(s) in dispute is an actual entity? Which are potential entities?
6. Which entities, actual or potential, have actual moral rights?
7. What properties bestow actual rights?
8. What kind of life does Data possess and/or not possess?
9. What is the consequence, according to Guinan (played by Whoopi Goldberg), if Data is determined to not have direct rights?