**Matters of choice**

*Topic – What is your opinion of the idea that respect is an important quality?*

Respect is important in the film “Gran Torino” as it connects the characters in meaningful ways. Walt Kowalski believes that respect is important. He loses him mind on his grandchildren, Ashley and Josh, because they wear horrible clothes at the funeral. Then he’s mad at the kids who toss the old lady’s groceries on the ground. Thao values respect too and this connects him and Walt together. Thao does what his elders tell him too. He goes and helps Walt because he needs to make it up to him what he did wrong. Sue also demands respect when she asks the boys on the street to treat her well. She mocks them by saying that they have an “Asian fetish” and in doing so stands up for her self demanding respect. The thing is, when people respect themselves and their property, they have a better quality of life. Those around them treat them better and they feel better about themselves. Walt sets a high standard for how people should look after their lawns. He sets a high standard for how people should dress and act in certain situations and he demands the same respect from himself.