“It’s not my fault” personal responsibility activity

Objective:  Students will make the connection that even though they’re not to blame for the outcome of some situations, they still need to take responsibility.

Procedure:  Pose the following scenarios to your students, and have them discuss:

Whether or not they think they are at fault

If they need to take any responsibility

Scenarios

1. Your friend is giving you a ride to school and arrives late to pick you.  As a result, you are late for school.
2. You’re playing catch with a football.  You throw a great pass, but your friend misses.  The ball hits and injures a child.
3. Your dog poops on your neighbor’s lawn.
4. Your friend copies your homework, and you both get in trouble.
5. You open a strange e-mail, and a virus eats your mom’s computer.
6. You go way over you text message limit, but it’s because your friends keep texting you.
7. Your friend asks you “What do you think of my boyfriend?  Isn’t he so great?”

You respond “No, I think he’s a jerk.”

Your friend gets offended and starts a fight with you.

Scenarios may be added as necessary