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Congrats, Newly Minted Teenager

Now that you have been converted from a pre-teen to an official teenager, welcome to the world of raging hormones, unexpected changes, and random emotional outbreaks-where it's cool to drive your parents bananas.

If you're looking for the fastest, coolest, most popular ways to irritate the parents, then look no further. I guarantee that my foolproof five-step DVD plan will have your parents ship you off to boarding school in no time.

The five essentials you need to get you started:

1. **Be inconsiderate.** Talk loudly on your cell phone at all times. Barge in while your beloved parents are watching a family movie. When the house seems too peaceful, bust out the emo-screamo rock music. Bring Snoop Dog and Lil Wayne along too. I'm sure they'd love to join the fun.

2. **Leave right in the middle of the big "talking to" you're getting.** Don't give them the privilege of finishing their thought. You have better thing to do, and trust me, the look on their faces will be priceless as you walk out the door.

3. **Resist parent rules.** If you have a 10 p.m. curfew, wander home at 2 a.m. When they tell you to take out the trash, make more. You're supposed to wash the dishes? Just "accidentally" drop one of the more expensive pieces on the floor! Guess what? They won't ask you to wash the dishes anymore!

4. **Abuse the house when the parents are away.** What do you do when you have the house all to yourself?.....PARTY! Bring on the DJ, the fun, and the friends (but not necessarily in that order). Party hard 'til dawn with the sickest kids in school. When the party is finally over and the house is completely trashes, do a poor job of cleaning it up.

5. **Keep your parents in line.** If they try and get rowdy with you, push them around. Show them who is boss. Don't be afraid to go all WWE on them.

See kid? You can be a horrible teenager. So order my "How to Get to Boarding School" series now, and I will throw in my "Get Sent to Juvenile Hall" DVD as a bonus, absolutely free!