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## SAVING A LIFE

A Soldier while on patrol in Vietnam, stepped on a land mine and lost both of his arms, and both legs. In addition, he was blinded. Thanks to advanced medical knowledge and fast treatment, the doctors were able to save his life.

Had he not received quick attention, he would nave died from his battle wounds.

• Do you think that the doctors made the right decision when they preserved his life?

Why?

- If you were the soldier, which would you choose, to live or to die? Why?
- Should doctors automatically decide in all circumstances to try to preserve life? Why or why not?
- Is it conceivable that some people would have rather died than live, but later on they are not resolved enough psychologically to kill them selves?