

1.2 *The meaning of friendship*

Aim: Create a booklet of quotations on friendship and give a group presentation

Preparation: You will need to supply paper, colored markers, scissors, and tape or glue. Make one copy of Worksheet 1.2 for every S.

Comment: Use after the discussion on page 8.

Think and Plan (10 minutes)

- Ss work in groups of four. Give each group four handouts, paper, markers, and access to scissors and tape or glue.
- Have Ss read the project objective, the example quotation, meaning, and personal anecdote. Discuss the *Think* questions as a class.
- Have groups discuss the quotations on friendship under *Plan*. Then each group member chooses a different quotation to work with. Ss decide what to use for their pages of the booklet.
- Ask each group member to complete his or her page outside of class.

Put together and Present (30 minutes)

- At the next class, Ss bring in their pages. Have groups assemble booklets and make a cover page. Have Ss practice giving their presentations. Set an appropriate time limit.
- Have groups show their booklets to the class and give presentations. Stop for questions after each presentation.
- Finally, ask the class to vote on which group had the best collection of quotations and anecdotes. Discuss other ways to interpret the quotations that were presented.

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Worksheet 1.2

Objective

Create a booklet of quotations on the meaning of friendship and give a group presentation

Think

Read the quotation, meaning, and personal anecdote. Do you agree? Does the anecdote illustrate the meaning of the quotation? Have you ever had a similar experience?

Quotation “Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.”

— Khalil Gibran in *The Collected Works*

Meaning A good friendship requires work and nurturing to maintain, but you should not expect to be rewarded for your efforts.

Personal anecdote I had worked in a café for a year when my friend Sonia was hired. I trained her for several weeks, but it was frustrating at times. I had to repeat many basic instructions. I felt like I was putting in so much effort without getting anything in return. Then I got sick with the flu and couldn’t work for a week. Sonia came to my house to tell me that she was looking after the café and how grateful she was for the training. She even brought me some homemade soup! What a good friend.



Plan

1. As a group, brainstorm the meaning of these quotations about friendship. Then individually choose one of these quotations (or a different quotation that you like) and answer as many of the questions as you can.

“A good friend is a connection to life – a tie to the past, a road to the future, the key to sanity in a totally insane world.” — *Lois Wyse, author*

“Friends don’t spy; true friendship is about privacy, too.” — *Stephen King, author*

“Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends.” — *Shirley MacLaine, actor*

“No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow.” — *Alice Walker, author*

- What is the source of the quote?
- What does it mean?
- Can you think of a personal story that illustrates the meaning of this quote?

2. If necessary, do research to find the full source of the quotation you chose.
3. Fully develop your personal anecdote, find an appropriate image for it, and create an appealing quotation page for your part of the group booklet.

Put together

1. Share your quotation page with your group. Then make a cover page and put the pages together to create a booklet.

2. Practice presenting your work. Each member should present the page he or she has created.

Present

1. Share your booklet with the class and give your presentation.
2. Which group has the best collection of quotations and anecdotes?
3. Are there other ways to interpret the quotations presented?