Relationships; Family, Friends & More

A Top 5 Assignment

Every person we include in your path in life is there for a reason. We have people we chose to create relationships with like friends and coworkers – and we have relationships we’re born into like our parents, siblings, grandparents and more.

Each bond we build or break reflects on who we are as people and the choices we make.

You will create a Top 5 Ranking Ladder where you will rank who you believe are the most important relationships to have and the least important. One Ladder will be Ponyboy’s relationships, and one will be your personal ladder.

Think of all the people who are in your life, close and far and what kind of relationship they are part of.

The process for this assignment is the following;

**Part 1:**

A Ranking Ladder for Ponyboy

A written piece describing each relationship, with examples

**Part 2:**

A Ranking Ladder for Yourself

A written piece describing each relationship, with examples

* Examples of relationship types;
* Family 🡪 parents, siblings, grandparents, godparents, cousins, aunts & uncles, etc.
* Friends
* Enemies
* Co-workers, colleagues, bosses
* Romantic 🡪 boyfriend, girlfriend, marriage, etc.
* Self
* Any other relationship you can think of

Top 5 Ranking Ladder

Ms. Langevin’s example

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| Why This Is A Good Example | Type Of Relationship | Why This Isn’t A Good Example |
| * Your parents have spent years teaching you how to become your own person
* They gave up things in their own lives to create yours
* Ex. My mother was a single mother for a long time
 | Family – Parents | * We are bias to our parents
* Everyone has different situations and would argue sacrifices were made
* Ex. Some parents put themselves or work first still
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| * Before you can make relationships with others you have to know yourself best
* You should spend more time creating your own identity then following one
* Ex. I was the best version of myself when I lived alone for the first time
 | Self | * It is hard to understand what it means to know what a relationship is with “yourself”
* This can take longer than a relationship with someone else
* Ex. Teens often struggle with this the most because of trends
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| * Friends will enter your life when you are more confident about yourself
* Your friends are a reflection of who YOU are, therefore they come after you
* Ex. I have gained and lost friends throughout life because of life changes
 | Friends |  |
|  | Romantic |  |
|  | Co-Workers |  |

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Top 5 Ranking Ladder Assignments

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Surround Yourself With Those You Love The Most

1. Parents (GOOD EXAMPLE)

Parents, whether we like it or not, are the ones who think about us the most. We might be thinking about our friends all day long, who we’re going to chat with at night when we get home from school or what to wear for the upcoming dance. All day long though, our parents have us on their mind. From day one they have taken it upon themselves to care for us, keep us safe and teach us lessons to be the best version of ourselves. They might tell us how to act but in the end they want us to find out who we can be on our own. They spend the majority of their own personal time dedicating it to providing us with what they think we need or should have, they constantly provide for us the best ways they can. My mother was a single mother for almost 7 years, working a full-time, sometimes overnight job. I never grew up lacking parent love, or opportunities – she gave me the best life possible. I truly believe parents are a key relationship in one’s life because of the time they spend not only thinking of us but providing for us.

1. *Parents (BAD EXAMPLE)*

*I chose parents because they gave birth to us and therefore have done everything for us to live. I think this is a good example because without our parents we wouldn’t be alive. My mom brings me shopping and makes me supper every night so without her I wouldn’t have a lot. This is why parents are the number one relationship in my ladder.*