

SASO MIDDLE SCHOOL CHARACTER EDUCATION LESSON

TOPIC: TEAMWORK

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Note to Teacher: This lesson encompasses one of the teamwork—i.e., the importance of working together as a group or team. It offers the teacher guidelines to follow after students have viewed the SASO VIDEO entitled *Character. Own it.* Will Clarke addresses the topic of teamwork

Discussion questions, suggestions for writing and speaking assignments, and scenarios have been designed to develop student critical thinking, reflection, interaction, and creativity. They are interchangeable and should be determined by the teacher.

With regard to discussion questions and scenarios, teachers may pose questions to students individually or in small groups. With regard to the scenarios, a spokesperson for each group should be selected to summarize his or her group's discussion to the rest of the class.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is teamwork?
2. Is it important to have teamwork? Why?
3. Are you on any “teams”?
4. Do you enjoy being part of a team? Why?
5. Would you rather be involved in team sport or an individual sport?
6. Discuss a celebrity who is a team player.
7. Discuss a friend who is a team player.
8. What are the advantages of being on a team?
9. What are the disadvantages of being on a team?
10. Is there a time when teamwork is not a good thing? Describe it.
11. What are characteristics of team players?
12. Do team players differ from non-team players? Explain.

Scenarios: What would you do?

1. A good athlete, you are a starter on the school's soccer team. Your team is winning the game. Near the end, the coach asks who would like to sit down so the second string can have the opportunity to play. What would you do?
2. You are working on a group project for science class when you notice that not everyone is contributing. Some people are doing more work than others while two of the students are doing nothing at all. You are one who is working hard. You will get a group grade. What would you do?
3. You are on the school's football team. At the state championship, you make the winning touchdown. In the following days, you get a lot of publicity and pats on the back. Other teammates get little or no publicity. What do you do?
4. You tried out for head majorette of your band, but you were not selected. However, you are on the majorette line with many of your friends who think you should have been selected. In order to show their dissatisfaction with the selection, they do not follow directions from the head majorette and refuse to do what she asks. What do you do?

Writing/Speaking Assignments: Students either may discuss this topic in groups or as a class, write a paper, or give an oral presentation about the topic (length and guidelines to be determined by the teacher).

1. How do you define teamwork?
2. What is a team player?
3. Discuss a time when you used teamwork to solve a problem.
4. Who is a role model for teamwork for you? Why?
5. What makes a good teammate?
6. How do you teach someone to be a good teammate?
7. Discuss the advantages of being on a team.
8. Discuss the disadvantages of being on a team.
9. Discuss what your school does to teach you to be a team player?
10. What are examples of appropriate consequences for not being a team player?
11. Discuss a time when you weren't a team player? What did you do to change your behavior?
12. Is teamwork important? Why or why not?
13. Discuss scenarios in which teamwork is very important to success.

14. What does teamwork mean to you?
15. Discuss an experience that you had when teamwork was important.
16. Who is one of your role models for teamwork? Why?
17. How does your school teach about the importance of teamwork?
18. Write a nonfiction or fiction story about teamwork
19. Write a poem or song about teamwork.
20. Select one of the quotes related to teamwork and think about what it means. Or, find a quotation about teamwork that is meaningful to you. Identify the author of the quote and describe who that individual is (e.g., Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States).

Quotations about Teamwork:

1. The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime. (Babe Ruth)
2. Individual commitment to a group effort--that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. (Vince Lombardi)
3. Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships. (Michael Jordan)
4. Regardless of differences, we strive shoulder to shoulder... Teamwork can be summed up in five short words: We believe in each other. (Author Unknown)
5. Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. (Andrew Carnegie)
6. A major reason capable people fail to advance is that they don't work well with their colleagues. (Lee Iacocca)
7. A particular shot or way of moving the ball can be a player's personal signature, but efficiency of performance is what wins the game for the team. (Pat Riley)
8. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. (Helen Keller)
9. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. (Author Unknown)
10. Being a part of success is more important than being personally indispensable. (Pat Riley)
11. Build for your team a feeling of oneness, of dependence on one another and of strength to be derived by unity. (Vince Lombardi)

12. We must all hang together or most assuredly we shall hang separately. (Benjamin Franklin)
13. Clearly no group can as an entity create ideas. Only individuals can do this. A group of individuals may, however, stimulate one another in the creation of ideas. (Estill I. Green)
14. I think any player will tell you that individual accomplishments help your ego, but if you don't win, it makes for a very, very long season. It counts more that the team has played well. (David Robinson)
15. Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it. (Bill Bradley)
16. If a team is to reach its potential, each player must be willing to subordinate his personal goals to the good of the team. (Bud Wilkinson)
17. Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean. (Ryunosuke Satoro)
18. I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion. (Mia Hamm)
19. A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together! (Author Unknown)
20. Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates. (Magic Johnson)
21. If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. (Henry Ford)
22. In union there is strength. (Aesop)
23. Gettin' good players is easy. Gettin' 'em to play together is the hard part. (Casey Stengel)
24. Remember upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all. (Alexander the Great)
25. A boat doesn't go forward if each one is rowing their own way. (Swahili Proverb)
26. For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.
(Rudyard Kipling)
27. T.E.A.M. = Together Everyone Achieves More! (Author Unknown)
28. The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side. (Margaret Carty)
29. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. (Margaret Meade)
30. None of us is as smart as all of us. (Ken Blanchard)
31. No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent. (John Donne)

32. Many hands make light work. (John Heywood)
33. It is amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares about who gets the credit. (Stephen Covey)
34. No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it. (H.E. Luccock)
35. Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. (Kenyan Proverb)
36. If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants. (Isaac Newton)
37. Behind every able man, there are always other able men. (Chinese Proverb)
38. Teams share the burden and divide the grief. (Doug Smith)
39. The path to greatness is along with others. (Baltasar Gracion, Spanish Priest)
40. If you can laugh together, you can work together. (Robert Orben)
41. A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle. (Benjamin Franklin)
42. Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. (Henry Ford)