

FRIENDS: TRUE BLUE OR NAW BOO

Objectives

- Students will examine the different types of friendships in their lives
- Students will be able to identify the friendships represented in the play

Activity

In the play, we see different friendships take form and change by the end of the play. Angel says, “We both knew in that moment that everything between us had changed.” The types of friendships we will investigate today are true friends, transactional friends, and people who are not friends at all but also aren’t enemies. A transactional friend is someone who you only have a relationship with because you do something for each other. There’s an exchange there.

- Invite your students to close their eyes while you place a different color sticky note on their forehead. Students should not reveal the sticky note colors of their classmates.
 - Blue: true friend
 - Green: transactional friend
 - Yellow: not a friend, but also not an enemy
- Give the students a few minutes to walk the space and silently interact with each other based on the color of the sticky note on their forehead. Remember to do this silently, only using body language.
- The students will walk around the space again using only one of the following phrases assigned to them. You may give them a notecard with their phrase to reference.
 - “We should get together”
 - “I miss you”
 - “Can’t Wait”
 - “Hey”
 - “Okay”
 - “I don’t think that’s a good idea”
 - “I gotta get going, but you stay blessed”
- Go around and ask students to guess their sticky note color based on how others interacted with them. Were they right? Ask: How did it feel to be treated based on your sticky note color?

In life and in the play, you will have friendships that constantly evolve, devolve, and shift different ways. And that’s okay. There’s a saying, some people only come into your life for a season, but they all come for a reason. While you watch the show take note of what you notice about the different friendships and how they change throughout the show. Now take some time to appreciate the friends you have in your life.