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Assignment

In this project, your group will get a chance to explore one of the central conflicts in our novel/story by applying collaborative approaches to resolving it. Would these techniques have helped the characters resolve their conflict in a better way?

Step 1: Choose a point of conflict from the novel/story. (Feel free to choose from the suggestions on the board.) Describe the conflict below. (Remember: define the problem in a way that makes it seem fixable.)

Step 2: Below, describe how the conflict was resolved in the book/story. Was there a satisfactory solution for everyone involved?



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Step 3: Imagine that the characters could solve the conflict in a more collaborative way. Use the chart provided (“Resolving Conflicts in a Collaborative Way”) to brainstorm what the two characters want and to suggest possible solutions for addressing their conflict more constructively. Hint: To do this, you must identify what each character wants/needs.

Step 4: What would solving this conflict look like in real life? Working collaboratively with your group, develop a skit or video that shows a more positive outcome based on methods outlined in the “Find the best route to your destination” section of the *Brain Driver’s Education: Operator’s Guide*.

**Don’t re-invent the characters or conflicts! You must remain true to your understanding of your characters’ motivations. You will be graded on your understanding of the characters, conflicts, and use of conflict resolution strategies as demonstrated in the skit/video you produce.

You will also receive a grade for working collaboratively as a group.



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Resolving Conflicts in a Collaborative Way

Character 1 (name)		Character 2 (name)
Character #1's wants/needs.... (list)	List of possible solutions	Character #2's wants/needs...(list)