

STUDENT VOICES

Power To Learn

CBS NEWS – Childhood Cliques



Answer these questions about the CBS NEWS interview with Meri Wallace about the power of childhood cliques.

1. People, especially children, want to join groups for
 - a. power
 - b. control
 - c. sense of belonging
2. Cliques are different than groups of friends because
 - a. cliques offer a sense of Identity.
 - b. cliques exclude new members.
 - c. there is a strong leader in a clique.
3. Being excluded from a clique can cause
 - a. anger.
 - b. self destructive behavior.
 - c. misery and loneliness
4. Parents can help their child survive exclusion by
 - a. speaking with the leader of the clique.
 - b. getting the local social services involved.
 - c. conveying optimism and compassion.
5. When discussing a clique with a child, a parent should
 - a. not put down the clique.
 - b. joke and make light of the situation.
 - c. label the clique “stupid” for not allowing others to join.
6. Kids excluded by a clique can make new friends by
 - a. joining with others to oppose the clique.
 - b. finding new activities and following their interests.
 - c. forcing themselves into the closed clique.
7. Parents can be good role models by
 - a. treating others with respect.
 - b. forming their own clique, but the right way.
 - c. joining with their child to ridicule the closed clique.
8. If a parent needs to “go to school” to confront the clique, they should
 - a. go with a lawyer.
 - b. ask their child’s permission to get involved.
 - c. bring evidence and demand disciplinary action against the clique.
9. If a child is in a clique, they need to know that
 - a. they are role models for others.
 - b. their behavior has a powerful impact on others.
 - c. they are the best and will always get support.
10. Dr. Meri Wallace feels that if there is a problem with a clique, it is best that the excluded child
 - a. gets revenge.
 - b. solves the problem themselves.
 - c. finds a new clique.