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WRITING ASSIGNMENT #1 - Of Mice and Men

**PROMPT**
Loneliness is a common emotion that everyone feels once in a while--some more often than others. The ranch hands in Of Mice and Men were drifters; they had no families close by and didn't stay in one place long enough to make lasting friends. Theirs was a lonely lifestyle. Two men, George and Lennie, found friendship early in their lives and traveled together. From them, we can see what it means to be a friend and what it means to have a friend. Friendship has great rewards, but being a friend isn't always easy.

Your assignment is to design an advertisement -- "WANTED: A FRIEND".

Your advertisement should carry all the usual information in a "want ad": what you want, a job description, the requirements and the rewards. Your ad must fit on an $8\frac{1}{2}" X 11" $sheet of paper. Be as creative as you like, but remember your ad must contain the information requested above and remember that you are striving for an effective advertisement.

**PREWRITING**
The first thing you need to do is to jot down ideas you have about what a friend's job description would contain.

**What does it mean to be a friend?**

**What qualities are necessary for a person to have to be a good friend?**

**What are the positive aspects of being a friend?**

**What are the difficult parts of the job?**

Put down all of your thoughts, and then go back and sort through them. Combine ideas that are essentially the same.

Organize your thoughts into categories:

**job description, qualifications/requirements, and rewards.**

From there you can begin to design your ad.

**DRAFTING**
You need to make a few basic decisions:

Are you going to have any graphics (drawings) in your ad?

What will be the attention-getter in your ad?

How can you make all of your most important information fit on one page?

How will you lay-out or design your ad? (How will it look on the page?)

Once you have decided these things, you can put pencil to paper and make a rough draft of your ad.

**PROMPT**
After you have finished a rough draft of your ad, revise it yourself until you are happy with your work. Then, ask a student who sits near you to tell you what he/she likes best about your work, and what things he/she thinks can be improved. Take another look at your ad, keeping in mind your critic's suggestions, and make the revisions you feel are necessary.

**PROOFREADING**

Do a final proofreading of your paper. Double-checking your grammar, spelling, organization, and the clarity of your ideas.