

Lesson 17



Area: Take Responsibility

Title: **What Matters To You?**

Objective: Students will gain an opportunity to reflect on personal priorities and understand why responsibility is important.

Materials: “What Matters To You?” Priorities Worksheet
Writing utensils

Activity:

1. Distribute copies of the Priorities Worksheets to every student.
2. Tell students that they will have 5 minutes to put the items in “Part A” in order of importance. Prioritize the items using the numbers 1 to 10, with 1 being the highest priority and 10 being the lowest priority.

Closure: Split students into pairs or small groups to complete “Part B” of the worksheet or complete “Part B” in a whole class discussion.



What Matters To You? Priorities Worksheet

Directions: Following the directions for Part A and B to complete the worksheet. For use with the lesson “What Matters To You?”

Part A

Directions: Order the following tasks according to their importance to you, with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least.

_____ Do your homework

_____ Attend practice or lesson

_____ Call your friend

_____ Have dinner with your family

_____ Household chores

_____ Remember your lunch money

_____ Get to the bus stop on time for school

_____ Watch your favorite TV show

_____ Bring correct materials to class

_____ Listen to a friend’s problems

Part B

Directions: Compare your above responses to those of your classmates. Answer the following questions based on your observations.

1. What responsibilities did you have in common? Were they rated high or low?

2. Why do differences occur in personal responsibility?

3. Are some things truly more important than others?

4. What factors would cause you to change the way you ranked priorities today?

5. What happens when you make responsible choices?

6. What are the benefits of being responsible?