



SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

CIRCLE OF GOLD
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Authority

- How does Angel exercise power without authority?
- Who exercises authority in this story? Identify the sources of this person's authority.

Responsibility

- Discuss how Mrs. Benson's responsibilities change after the death of her husband.
- What are some responsibilities shared by Mattie and Matt at home?
- What are the benefits of these responsibilities? What are the costs?

Justice

- Describe an example of procedural justice in *Circle of Gold*.
- Describe an example of corrective justice.

Privacy

- Describe an example of behavioral privacy involving Mattie.
- Describe an example of informational privacy involving Mama.

We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

1. Connections to elementary text Lesson 20 (p.160) includes the following question: Why are due process rights important in your daily life? Answer this question as it relates to Angel accusing Mattie of stealing her bracelet.

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Writing prompt

Planning

1. Think about what you want to write.
2. Reread the prompt to make sure you are writing about the topic.
3. Make notes. Use your prewriting skills, such as mapping or outlining.
4. Carefully read the five statements below the prompt.

Writing prompt

Circle of Gold tells the story of Mattie Benson who believes her Mama loves Mattie's twin brother Matt more than she loves Mattie. Write to persuade the reader that Mrs. Benson loves both of her children and does not favor one over the other.

As you write your paper, remember to

- provide three reasons why you believe Mrs. Benson does not favor Matt over Mattie;
- include specific facts, details, and examples which support the reasons you select;
- present your ideas in a clear and logical order, including an introduction, body, and conclusion;
- use a variety of words and well-constructed sentences;
- correct any errors in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.