

Group Meeting Log

Crystal, Mark, Alicia

Meeting #1-October 2, 2001--11:00-12:00

Crystal

Alicia

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- Discussed what we needed to do and read over syllabus

- 5 group reflections
 - 5 group meetings
 - 10 submissions to group individually

- Decided to meet on Tuesdays after class
- Need to keep group log: time date, attendance, accomplishments
- Decided on way to do reflections

- Rotate writing them
 - One person drafts reflection from note of others
 - Submits draft to other members for revision
 - Person completes final draft

- Discussed Movie possibilities

- Of Mice and Men
 - The Other Sister
 - My Left Foot
 - The Green Mile
 - Slingblade

- Decided we were going to look for more ideas and decide next group meeting

- Discussed ideas for group reflections;

- May interview Mark's wife's cousin (a little person)
 - Bring articles from inter-net
 - Everyone bring one individual reflection to share with group

- Started sharing reflections
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Second Meeting-October 9, 2001—11:00-12:30

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- Decided to read reflections
- Mark brought two song to show us
- Crystal read her reflection on her experience at Young Life Camp-The Bethesda Project Group
 - Talked about their disabilities
 - Talked about Crystal's experience and how she felt
 - Group discussed and asked questions
- Discussed Crystal's reflection
- Ran out of time to start Mark's and Alicia's reflections, so we looked at the songs Mark brought
- We discussed the songs by interpreting them and how they made us feel-we decided to use these songs as our second group reflection
- We decided that Alicia would write rough draft on Crystal's reflection, and Mark would write rough draft on songs
- Alicia talked about web-site I had found to use later in another group meeting

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Group Meeting #3-October 30, 2001—12:35-1:20

- Decided on a movie: The Other Sister
- Alicia read her reflection on her Aunt Gwen

Discussed her sense of humor and how she takes things in stride
Mark asked about her education background
Discussed how important communication is to her
Discussed how she overcame barriers by telling people how to communicate with her
Discussed her TDD machine, and how she gets aggravated when people don't call her because of this

- Mark talked about his nephew having 60% hearing loss-related this to Alicia's reflection
- Our personal comfort levels were discussed: it's easier when they are open, this helps us deal with their disability and condition better
- Alicia talked about Kennedy and how she helped her deal with her disability when working with her at her 115 placement
- Crystal also talked about Kennedy (she is kin to her), and Alicia and Crystal discussed her surgery she was having
- Mark submitted another song: "Other 99"

Talked about its positive spin
Counter to the always do your best mentality
Talked about it making you feel "normal"

- Alicia discussed a web-site she found: www.icanonline.net—quizzes on how you handle disabilities
- Alicia also brought up the book she was doing a reflection on: Joey Pigza swallowed the Key By: Jack Gantos

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Group Meeting #4: November 13, 2001—11:00-1:00

- Crystal went to get "The Other Sister" and it was out
- We looked in library for another movie we could use
- Decided to watch "The Life of Brian"-Monty Python series
- Went upstairs in the library to watch it
- Paused movie during places where we could discuss things dealing with disabilities
- Crystal said she would write the rough draft for or movie reflection

Crystal

Alicia

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Group meeting #5-December 3, 2001—12:00-1:50

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- We discussed how we were going to do the board
 - Mark had brought up a map idea earlier, and we decided to think of ways this would work:
 - Decided to map a map with layers
 - The first layer would show the positive values of people with disabilities
 - The second layer would have devalued roles
 - People viewing board could peel off the second layer to get to the layer of positive values
 - Decided Mark was getting the board
 - Alicia and Crystal are going to look for pictures/words we could use for the board
 - Mark submitted Reflection on Chuckie who is mentally retarded
 - Group discussed Mark and the other workers having object of dread/fear and object of ridicule when they first meet Chuckie
 - Crystal asked why his dad held his temper with Chuckie?
 - Talked about the jobs Chuckie held: parking cars and working with Phil
 - Talked about Chuckie not having fear; he gave an outlet for others to speak up
 - Mark shared "Swordfish Trombone" by Tom Waits-how it talked about midgets and how he perceived them as intelligence, smart
 - Alicia shared The Parent Side, a cartoon she had found on Internet
 - Crystal shared some of her Far Side Cartoons
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