

Teamwork

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Teamwork...Makes the Dream Work!

Good teamwork is what it takes to make an organization successful!

Whether it is a band, football team, or Fortune 500 Company, chemistry is the heart of what makes an organization successful. Some leaders call this SYNERGY.

Synergy is when there is a combined effect greater than the sum of separate effects-making a combined effort more successful than individual efforts.

There are 10 characteristics for successful teamwork.

- Clear direction
- Open and honest communication
- Support risk taking and change
- Defined roles
- Mutually accountable
- Communicate frequently
- Common goals
- Encourage differences
- Collaboration
- Team trust

The Washington County Fair is a county fair that has been providing family entertainment and agricultural education to Washington County and neighboring counties for over 100 years! This time-honored event is organized each year by a fair board of talented, smart men and women who all bring various opinions and talents to the table. On the following pages, you will read of some struggles and

Engage, Explore, Analyze, Discover!

Prompts critical thinking.

New Carnival Company?

The Washington County Fair has used the same carnival company for the past 18 years. The carnival company is under new management. With the new carnival management team, the fair board noticed that the maintenance on the rides has gone down hill. Lights are burned out and not replaced and seats are dirty. The new management also wants to increase their fees which would force an increase for gate admission at the fair. The fair board does not want to increase the gate admission. Board members Gino and Charlotte want to search for a new carnival company. Lee and John don't want to change companies. Todd spoke up and offered his insight. Todd thinks that they should at least explore what other options are out there and then decide. Fair board member Deanna agrees with keeping an open mind and getting bids from other carnival companies and seeing what rides and attractions they have to offer. Nadine spoke up and mentioned two companies that she admires and would like to explore those companies as options. She can personally vouch for them as she is familiar with their attractions. Lee agrees to explore these options to see what they have to offer. John still doesn't want to change companies, but he is open to discussion. Lee has information about other options.



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Testing Teamwork

List the names of the board members who display the following characteristics of Teamwork.

Who is displaying **open and honest communication**?

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Which board members are **open to change and risk taking**?

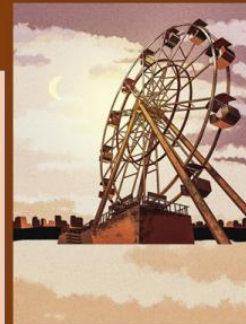
Who is **communicating freely**?

Which board members have **common goals**?

Who has a **differing opinion** from the others?

New Carnival Company...cont.

Nadine followed through with her promise to get bids and information about the two carnival companies. One of the companies is more expensive than their current carnival company, but has more rides and attractions. The other company is comparable in size to their current carnival company and is less money. Lee is happy to hear that there are other options as he is now open to contract negotiations with one of them. He is open to discussion and trusts the other board members enough to know that they will pick a winning situation. As discussion started about their options, it was easy for them to get off track with so much to discuss for the fair just a few months away, but board president, Todd, was sure to redirect them and remind them of their goal. Charlotte reminds everyone that, even though they have committees for various aspects of the fair, in this case, it is everyone's responsibility to assure their fair-goers that the equipment featured at the fair will be safe and well kept-up. This has always been the main goal of every board member. Gino makes a motion to hire the new, more affordable company and Deanna seconds that motion. All board members are in agreement to change companies except for John, as he is still wanting the company that they have used for almost 20 years. Todd reminded everyone that he appreciates everyone's honesty and respects each opinion.



Guides students through

10 Characteristics Of Successful Teamwork!

Testing Teamwork Tactics

List the names of the board members who are exercising the following characteristics of TEAMWORK.

Who is **collaborating** to come to a conclusion?

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Which board members are **expresses trust**?

Who is **respecting differing opinions**?

Which board members have a **clear direction**?

Who has a **differing opinion** from the others?

Great for **ANY** High School School Class!

Working well in a team is a soft skill, employability skill, or essential skill needed to be more marketable in the workforce. Employers want their new hires to be good team-players. There are FOUR reasons why teamwork is important in the workforce.



Reasons why teamwork is important in the workforce

- It brings new ideas
- Teamwork helps solve problems
- It's supportive
- Teamwork builds morale

Think of a "team" that you have been on. When you were a member of a band, choir member, member of a sports team, or social group, select TWO of these "reasons why teamwork is important" and describe how these components came into play to make your "team" a success.

Answer on the next page...

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Great resource! My students enjoyed working on this. It also lead to **great discussions** with them.



Awesome resource to use on a day you have a sub. **Easy and engaging. Highly recommend.**



My students enjoyed this interactive activity and it was **great** to use during the first week when students are still adding and dropping.

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