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**I AM A MEMBER OF A GROUP. I AM A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY**

**PART I:**

**Being a Member of a Group**

- When I hear someone say the word *group*, I think of:  
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- The first group I ever belonged to was my family. Being part of a family group has lots of wonderful benefits and also many responsibilities. Some of the benefits of being part of a family are:  
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- Some of the responsibilities of being part of a family are:  
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- Besides my family, there are other groups I belong to or wish to belong to. Here is my list of some of the different kinds of groups I am part of or would like to join:  
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- My favorite group is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The benefits I receive from being a member of this group are:  
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- The responsibilities I have as a member of this group are:  
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**PART II:**

**Being a Member of a Community**

**Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow:**

*Communities are not built of friends, or of groups of people with similar styles and tastes, or even of people who like and understand each other. They are built of people who feel they are part of something that is bigger than themselves: a shared goal or enterprise, like righting a wrong, or building a road, or raising children, or living honorably, or worshipping a god. To build community requires only the ability to see value in others: to look at them and see a potential partner in one's enterprise.*

—Suzanne Goldsmith (*A City Year*)

- The word *enterprise* means something that you do, or plan to do, that is very important. What do you think the author means when she writes, "Communities... are built of people who feel they are part of something that is bigger than themselves: a shared goal or enterprise...." What does it mean to be part of something bigger than yourself?  
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  - Give an example where people in your school have come together as a community to share in a goal:  
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- ...In your neighborhood:  
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- ...In your state or nation:  
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