

CASE



Project 2.2.3 Teaming Up

Purpose

Working with people in groups is a skill necessary in school and professional careers. You will work with people of varying skills and personalities on many projects. Group processes are often as important to overall success as the content of the product.

When working in a group, it is important to establish objectives or goals for the group. Once those objectives have been established, the group needs to work together to accomplish the objectives. Keeping open lines of communication, being honest with each other, and working toward the group goals rather than seeking personal gain are important factors in successful groups. To assist with this, a group should establish norms, or the shared expectations of each group member, before starting to develop a product or outcome.

Materials

Per student:

- Computer with internet access
- 5 note cards
- Pencil
- *Agriscience Notebook*

Procedure

During this project, work with a group to develop group norms and establish expectations of group members. Work together to accomplish a common goal.

Part One – Self-Assessment

1. Complete the teamwork assessment at the following website, <https://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/sk/teamwork.htm>.
2. Review the results of your survey and read the summary of your top three scores. Take note of how your skills can contribute to a group.
3. Read the sections on effective and ineffective teamwork.

Part Two – Developing the Group

1. Your teacher will assign you to a group of four.

2. Working individually, brainstorm ideal group behaviors. Use three notecards to list three ideal behaviors you feel are most important to group success.
3. Working individually, brainstorm detrimental group behaviors. Use two notecards to list two detrimental behaviors.
4. Place the two sets of cards into separate piles with those of your group members.
5. Take turns pulling a note card from the ideal behavior pile. Read the card aloud and discuss as a group how the behavior improves group success. Repeat until all cards have been shared.
6. Take turns reading a card aloud from the detrimental behavior pile. Discuss how to avoid the detrimental behavior as a group. Repeat until all cards have been shared.
7. Work as a group to use the behaviors you discussed to establish norms and expectations for a group research project. Have one group member record the norms on a separate sheet of paper. Review the questions below as you consider group norms.
 - What expectations do members have for themselves and others in the group?
 - How will your group ensure that all members have the opportunity to contribute?
 - What roles may group members need to fill?
 - How will your group define roles?
 - How will your group make decisions?
 - How will your group handle conflict or disagreement?
 - How will your group maximize the use of work time?
 - How will your group avoid detrimental behaviors?

Part Three – Group Evaluation

Once your group has come to consensus on norms and expectations, type the list and then work together to develop a rubric to use for assessing group activities. Distribute the tasks evenly among your group. Use the rubric guide to format your rubric. Your teacher will provide you an electronic version upon request. Use the list below to help guide the development of your rubric.

- How can we determine if group members are meeting the expectations and norms set forth?
- What should we look for in determining and distinguishing degrees of participation?
- What kinds of performance or behavior demonstrate individual efforts to group work?
- Brainstorm three to five potential topics that should be evaluated.
- Ask yourself what the most important aspects of group work are and rank your topics from most important to least.
- Consider how the ideal behavior for each topic should look. What would a superb example of each topic look like? Describe it clearly and write the description under the highest level.
- Identify targets for the remaining levels of each topic. Write descending targets. As you look at each level, consider what would describe a slightly less ideal target for the topic.

Use the rubric your group developed to assess yourself and other group members on your ability to work together throughout this project. Discuss your thoughts with the group.

Display your final product to the class as directed by your teacher. Place a copy of your group norms and expectations and your rubric in your *Career Portfolio*.

Conclusion

1. Why is it important for all group members to contribute equally?

So there isn't just one person doing all of the work and with more people a lot more ideas get put into play

2. What are the challenges to working with a group?

People don't always get along with each other and there is almost always some difference of opinion

3. What are the benefits in working with a group?

If everyone is working together groups can get things done faster than individuals can and they might think of something you never could have

4. How will your group handle conflict?

We will try and sort out what is causing the problem and find a solution that everyone likes or a middle ground

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Project 2.2.3 Rubric Guide

Topics	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
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