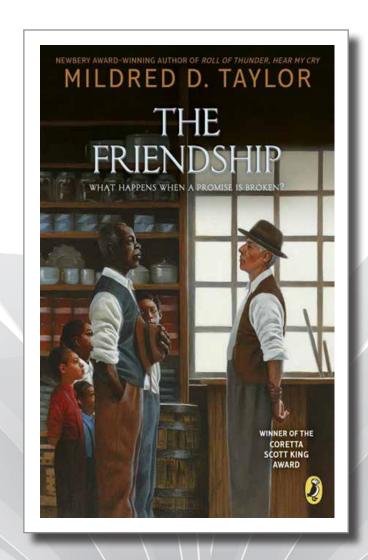


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**GRADES 3-5** 

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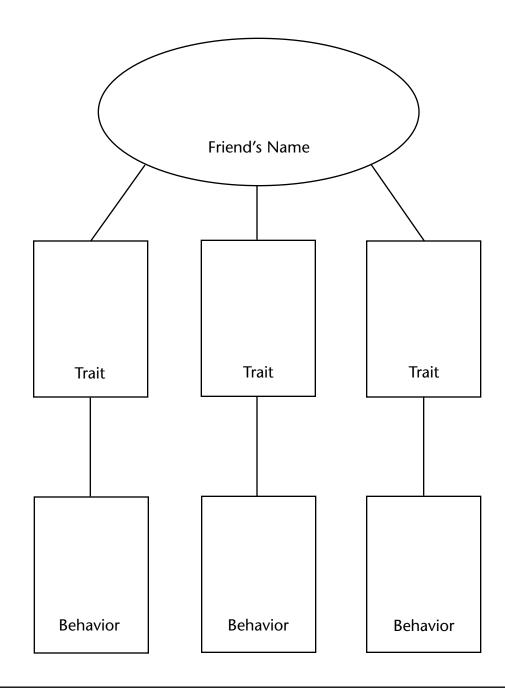
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**Directions:** Think about one of your best friends for a few minutes. Why do you consider this person your best friend? What does (s)he do or say to make you like this person? How does this person talk to you, treat you, and treat your other friends? On the chart below, list the traits and behaviors that describe this person.



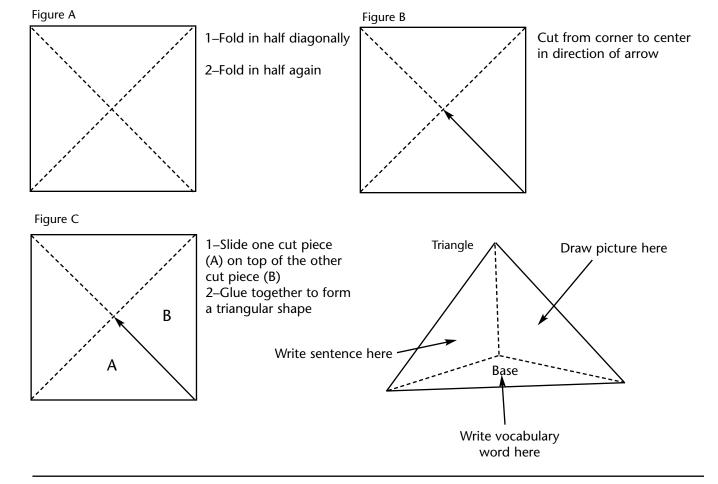
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- 4. Who else is in the store when Mr. Tom Bee asks for his "tobaccie"?
- 5. What does Mr. Charlie Simms say to Mr. Tom Bee?
- 6. Describe Mr. Tom Bee as he looks around at the men in the store.
- 7. Why do you think Stacey yells for Mr. Tom Bee to come out of the store?
- 8. What does Dewberry say to his father after Mr. Tom Bee demands his "tobaccie"?
- 9. Do you think Mr. Simms likes the way Mr. Tom Bee addresses John Wallace? Why or why not?
- 10. Is Mr. Tom Bee brave for going into the store?
- 11. What is Mr. Tom Bee doing when Mr. Wallace shoots him in the leg?
- 12. Who goes to help Mr. Tom Bee?
- 13. Do the men in the store feel sorry for Mr. Tom Bee?
- 14. What does Mr. Tom Bee yell at Mr. Wallace as he drags himself down the road?
- 15. How long is Mr. Tom Bee going to call Mr. Wallace by his first name?

tobaccie (44)	slightly (44)	uneasily (46)	hardening (46)
sharp-edged (47)	shrilly (47)	gathered (50)	plunged (50)
exploded (50)	explosion (50)	tumbled (50)	stunned (51)
herded (51)	sniggered (51)	solemn (51)	judgment day (53)
ungrateful (53)	soul (53)	motionless (53)	inched (53)
ripped (53)			

**Directions:** Cut a nine-inch square out of white construction paper. Fold paper in half diagonally (from corner to corner). Unfold paper. Fold the paper in half again (Figure A). Then cut one fold from the outer corner to the center of the paper (Figure B). Slide one cut piece on top of the other to form a triangular shape with a base and two standing sides. Glue the pieces together (Figure C). On the inside base, write a vocabulary word. On the inside left, write a sentence using the vocabulary word. On the inside right, draw a picture to illustrate the vocabulary word. Repeat the process for at least nine words from the list. Glue the back sides of your completed triangles together and hang them as a mobile.



# Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

**Directions:** In *The Friendship*, there are characters of all ages. Use your imagination to create a chart that shows what the characters might have done in the past (yesterday), what they might be doing now (today), and what they might be doing in the future (tomorrow).

#### Mr. Tom Bee

Yesterday	
Today	
Tomorrow	

# Mr. John Wallace

Yesterday	
Today	
Tomorrow	

### **Stacey**

Yesterday	
Today	
Tomorrow	