7th Grade ELAB

Expository Unit

Prompt

**Text Introduction**

In the articles provided in class, the various news outlets discuss the psychology of social grouping, stereotypes, and friendships among adolescents.

The texts are:

* ["Strong Friendships in Adolescence May Benefit Mental Health in the Long Run” by Ana Sandoiu of *Medical News Today*](https://theamazingadventuresofmrallensclassroom.weebly.com/uploads/5/8/7/4/58743091/child_mind_institute_article.docx)
* “Having a Best Friend in Your Teenage Years Could Benefit You for Life” by Angus Chen of NPR
* “How Neuroscience Is Unlocking the Mysteries of the Teenage Brain” by Lucy Foulkes of *The Conversation*

Read the articles and then answer the prompt.

**Prompt 1**

In the different articles presented in class, you will find evidence of how relationships in youth may to some extent determine people skills and self-worth in adulthood. Write an essay that delineates how social grouping, stereotypes, and friendships affect adolescents. Be sure to cite evidence from multiple texts to support your thesis. Follow the conventions of standard written English.