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Friends and Friendships on social media

“What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies.”

This quote is attributed to the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle, who wrote extensively about the notion and importance of true friendship as a determinant of “meaningful” living.

But have friends and friendships changed along the times? Aristotle’s view on this matter stands in sharp contrast to what is depicted in nowadays social media. From Facebook over Instagram to WhatsApp – friends and friendships and in general the way we interact with people is meaningfully different.

In a world of hyperconnectivity driven by technology that knows no bounds, what is happening to true friendship? Is it dying away? Or are the various social media “platforms” such as Facebook, Twitter, and WhatsApp simply redefining or transforming our modern-day notion of friendship? If so, what are the implications for life as we know it on this planet? Will we be happier? Will it promote the kind of meaningful existence that Aristotle was seeking and advocating?

Task:

- ✓ Consider the theme proposed and discuss it in the most appropriate way for you.
- ✓ You may discuss it in groups, class or even involve your whole school.
- ✓ The way you present the outcome of your discoveries is completely up to you. You can choose a video, another visual document or even an audio document. The only requirement for the presentation is that it can be uploaded on our project.
- ✓ Try to elaborate a catchy presentation of your work that will be presented to your colleagues in Ibi in November.

Deadline: Bring your results to the Ibi meeting in November 2019.

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