

Lesson 2

Relationships: Friendship, Love, & Sexual Desire

Activity 2

Questions for Writing or Discussion:

Aristotle elevates friendship to the best sort of relationship. Erotic love, he argues, is based on incidental features and not the true character of another person. Thus only in “complete friendship” do you find that perfect, mutual love between two people. What do you think about that?

Why might it be important to be friends with someone before you are a boyfriend or girlfriend?

Does there need to be equality between two people in order for there to be a friendship?

In what ways is a friend “an other self” and in what ways not?

What challenges a friendship?

How is friendship different than romantic love?
