

AMBITION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'ambition'?
- 2) Are you ambitious?
- 3) Is it important to have ambitions?
- 4) Who is the most ambitious person you know?
- 5) What were your ambitions when you were a child?
- 6) Can ambitions be dangerous?
- 7) What ambitions do you have that you think you'll realize and what ambitions do you have that you won't realize?
- 8) Do you think animals have ambitions?
- 9) Thomas Carlyle said: "I've got a great ambition to die of exhaustion rather than boredom." What do you think he means by this? Do you agree?
- 10) Thomas Jefferson said: "Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude." Do you agree?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Why do we have ambitions?
- 2) What's the difference between an ambition and a dream?
- 3) What ambition have you held the longest?
- 4) What happens after you have fulfilled all of your ambitions?
- 5) Do you think really old people have ambitions?
- 6) Do you like ambitious people?
- 7) Do you have any really crazy and wild ambitions?
- 8) What do you think it feels like to fulfill a lifelong ambition?
- 9) Thomas Merton said: "When ambition ends, happiness begins." What do you think he means by this? Do you agree?
- 10) Marcus Aurelius said: "A man's worth is no greater than the worth of his ambitions." Do you agree?

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