

Meeting of the Minds

We are going to have a press conference with many individuals from our Value of Life Unit and the texts we have read this year! In this conference, you will share your individual speaker's outlook on the value of life. You will learn more about the other groups' speakers and their personal philosophies as well.

Selected Speakers:

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| ❖ Hamlet | ❖ Amanda Ripley | ❖ Iago | ❖ Tim O'Brien * |
| ❖ Lance Armstrong | ❖ Othello | ❖ Amir | |

* *Tim O'Brien the **narrator**, not the **author**. Since Tim O'Brien, the narrator, is telling the stories of the men he served with in Vietnam you can include some of their personal philosophies as well (i.e. Norman Bowker, Jimmy Cross, etc).*

Step I: Sign-ups

Each group will be divided into three separate roles. They are as follows:

Speaker (one person):

This person assumes the role of the groups' speaker. This person must know EVERYTHING about his/her individual and their personal philosophy on the **value of life** because reporters will be asking you questions!!

Press Agent (one person):

- This person gives a 1-minute introduction/biography of the group's speaker to the class. It can NOT be read! You may put information on a 3 by 5 card to *glance* at for help.
- The speech must be relevant to the person's personal beliefs about life and death, not merely a life story. (For example, what happened in their life that is relevant to their personal philosophy, etc.)
- The Press Agent also assists the Philosopher when he or she addresses the class during the "Meeting of the Minds."
- The Press Agent is responsible for the visual aid poster and must attach it to their speaker's desk during the Meeting of the Minds conference.
 - This should be done on an 11 x 17 piece of paper or poster board and include:
 1. the speaker's name
 2. a symbol to represent his/her beliefs
 3. a slogan

Investigative Reporter (two-three people):

- The Investigative Reporter (I.R.) asks questions of the other speakers and must research them for this.
- The I.R. asks *critical* questions of the other speakers and *helpful/friendly* questions of his/her own group's speaker.
 - The I.R. must think of **3 critical questions** for **each** of the **other** speakers and **two** friendly questions for their own speaker. (Refer to the texts, notes, handouts, Bell Work, etc.)

Step II: Learning about Your Speaker

As a group, gather all of the information you have on your speaker, take notes, and decide what your individual's personal philosophy about life is. (Remember, you will be asked questions during the press conference so be prepared to 1. Answer them, and 2. Support your answers with evidence!)

Step III: The Others

As a group, gather some information about the other speakers and come up with questions to ask them during the Meeting of the Minds conference.

Step V:

The "Meeting of the Minds" will be this Wednesday or Thursday. Be Prepared—AND BE CREATIVE☺

My Speaker: _____

My Role: _____