

Should Students Work Together?

Do the benefits for students working together on a science project outweigh the challenges?

1. Use a search engine on the Internet to find information about the benefits and challenges of group work. Use key words such as group work, benefits, or challenges. List the key words you will use.

2. Explore web sites by clicking on the links. Choose at least one link to read in detail. Write the title(s) of the link.

3. Write four or five ideas from the links that you think are important. Use point-form notes.

4. Use the information to complete the PMI chart below.

- In the Plus column, record the benefits of working together.
- In the Minus column, record the challenges of working together.
- In the Interesting column, record things that are unclear or confusing.

Plus	Minus	Interesting

Name: _____

Date: _____

5. a) Do the benefits outweigh the challenges? YES NO

b) Based on the information in the chart, what is your opinion about students working together?

Opinion	Points Supporting Your Opinion
_____	• _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	• _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	• _____
_____	_____

c) Write a paragraph based on the information in the chart.

I think _____

I think this way because _____

Other people think _____

I don't agree because _____
