



TWO ON A CRAYON

(10-15 minutes)

OBJECTIVE

Students learn to cooperate and work together.

MATERIALS

Construction paper and drawing materials;
a music playing device

GET READY

- ✓ Help the students divide into pairs.
- ✓ Gather crayons and construction paper.
- ✓ Setup a music source for the activity.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Give each pair a crayon and a piece of white construction paper.
- ✓ Explain that both partners will hold the crayon simultaneously and draw a picture together while a three or four minute song is played in the background. Tell the students that pairs cannot decide what picture to draw before the activity nor can they talk while they draw. This exercise is about silent cooperation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *Did you enjoy working together?*
- ★ *Was cooperating difficult? Why or why not?*
- ★ *Did the cooperation produce anything that surprised you?*
- ★ *How did you decide who would lead and who would follow?*
- ★ *Was it hard to lead? To follow? Do you think it is sometimes hard for adults in our country to be our leaders? How?*

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Now that the class is familiar with the activity, you can have them try the exercise again (same pairs or different).

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