

Dear ...

Share wisdom, tips, advice, and encouragement with students to help them have a successful year.

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Discussion Questions

- What does this quote mean?
- Do we all need to have experience, or can we learn from others' experiences?
- How can we help others “learn the lesson” first before being subjected to “the test”?
- What do you wish you knew about this class at the beginning of the year?
- What would you do differently if you could do it all again?
- Why is it important to share and pass on kindness to someone new, instead of just to people who are kind to you?

“Pay It Forward” Video Clip



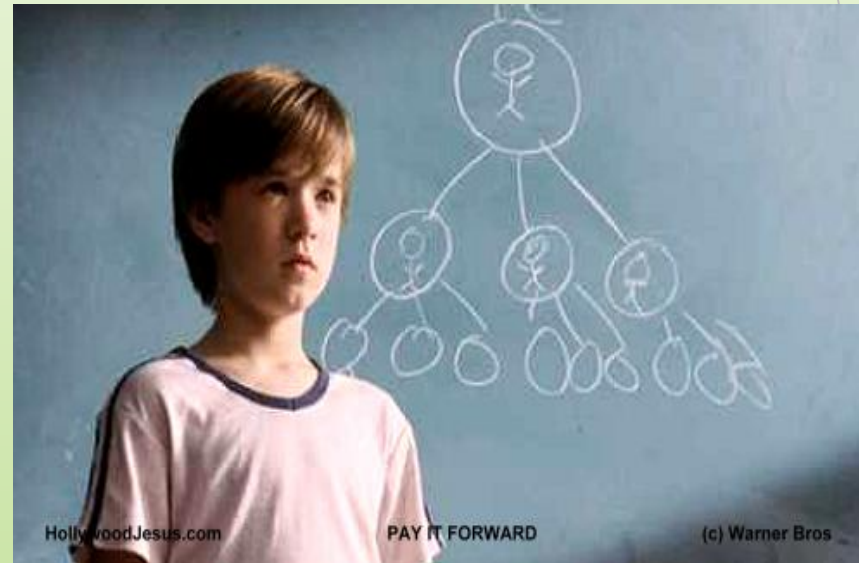
Watch this video and be ready to name as many acts of kindness as you can. Discuss how people reacted to the kind acts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJeWFoKZ63U>

Tell about a time someone did (or said) something helpful that you wanted to pass on.

How can paying forward acts of kindness to three people start a “Pyramid of Kindness”?

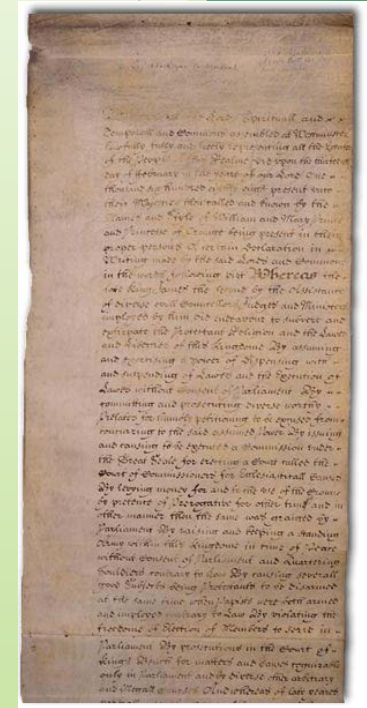
- What do you imagine the impact of this pyramid of kindness would be on your friends? Family? School? Community?



Pay It Forward, 2000 by Warner Bros.

These people used communication as an instrument of change:

Founding Fathers



Abolitionists

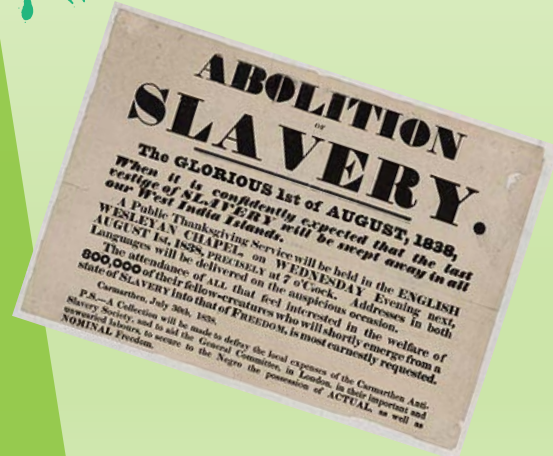


Civil Rights Leaders

Suffragists



What are the social media calls for change today?



We can make a difference by communicating with the next class of students. We're experts now; let's help them succeed.



How can helping them impact our school and community?

Make a list!



Small
group



whole
group



consensus

What are the top ten
“Secrets to Success” for
this class?



Share Your Tips with Others!

- Brainstorm how you will act out the tip with your group.
 - Make it fun!
 - Record a video.
 - Make a fun video collage, or montage, of Secrets of Success!
- This service project may be a long-lasting project for many other classes.

