

Do Unto Otters: A Lesson in How to Treat Others



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Synopsis: Do Unto Otters offers a fun spin on The Golden Rule. Mr. Rabbit is getting some new neighbors... a family of otters. He is worried because he doesn't know anything about otters and frets that they will not be good neighbors. He takes the wise advice of Mr. Owl who cleverly explains the Golden Rule and what it means.

Possible Activities:

Reader's Response — Remind students that the story was about the Golden Rule and what it means to be good to each other. Have students complete the Reader's Response Sheet reflecting on how they want to be treated and how they should treat others.

Otterly Good Manners — Students write about ways they show they have "otterly" good manners and how they use the Golden Rule in their lives. Cut out a 2 1/2" circular photo of the child's face to glue on the otter's body.

Remember a Time When — Students should complete the Remember a Time When Sheet using memories from their lives. You may want to go over the vocabulary words on this page before giving the assignment.

Compare and Contrast — Choose two things to compare and contrast such as the Pillars of Character (or the character program in use at your school) with Golden Rule; Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Owl; Mr. Rabbit and the Otters; etc.

Posters — Give each student a good manner to create a poster about. Students should write their manner on the line and then create the poster. Hang the posters in the hall to show that your class follows the Golden Rule.

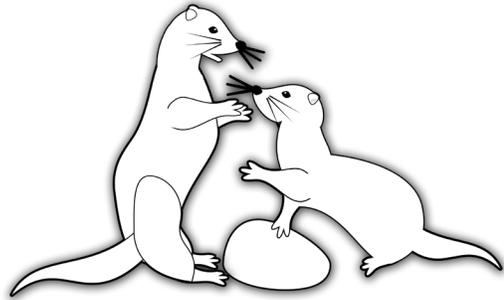
Comic Strip — Give students a large piece of construction paper. Show them how to fold it in half three times and then unfold to create eight boxes. Have students draw a comic strip demonstrating the practice of the Golden Rule.

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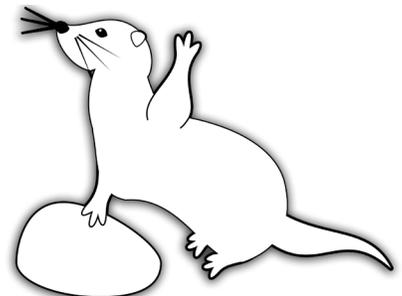
Name _____

Do Unto Others Reader's Response



How I Want Others to Treat Me

How I Should Treat Others



Name _____

Remember a Time When...

You were FRIENDLY. _____
_____.

You were POLITE. _____
_____.

You were HONEST. _____
_____.

You were CONSIDERATE. _____
_____.

You COOPERATED. _____
_____.

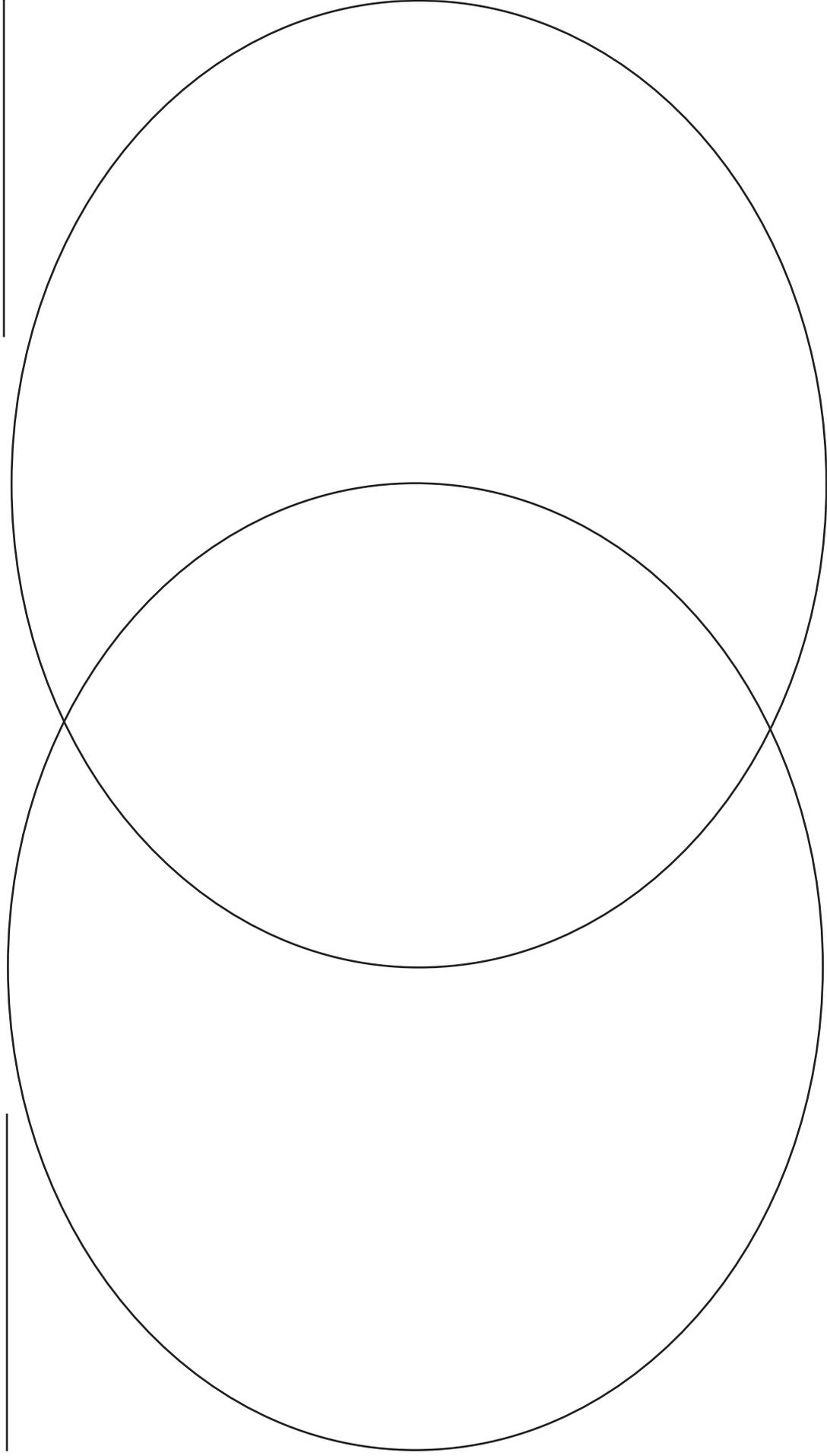
You SHARED. _____
_____.

You were KIND. _____
_____.



Name _____

Compare and Contrast





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