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***Peer Pressure Quotes***

**Directions:** Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

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| Michelle, Erin and Jess have been best friends since kindergarten. There have been ups and downs in their friendship, but they’ve always able to work it out. One morning, Michelle walked into school, about to say hi to her friends when she realized Erin and Jess were in the middle of a heated argument. Wanting to respect her friends’ privacy, she smiled at them, but kept walking, believing they would figure it out soon enough.  Later that afternoon, Michelle was in the girls’ bathroom when Erin walked in. Erin demanded Michelle stop speaking to Jess. Erin explained that if Michelle was a “loyal friend and cared about her” she would ignore Jess. Erin continued, “If you don’t listen to me and you *do* talk to Jess, you’ll lose me as a best friend, too. Then you’ll be alone, without any friends.”  Michelle thought about what Erin said as she watched her walk out of the bathroom and shut the door.  **Stop and Jot:** How is this an example of **unproductive peer pressure**[[1]](#footnote-1)? Include at least one reason to explain your thinking.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

***Peer Pressure Quotes* (Continued)**

**Directions:** Read the following quotes. Paraphrase what they mean (rewrite them in your own words) and then decide whether you agree with the quote.

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| **Quote** | **Paraphrase the Quote** | **Do you agree with this quote? Why or why not?** |
| “Peer pressure is pressure you put on yourself to fit in!”  Jeffrey I. Moore- **Jeff Moore,** American motivational speaker, educator and author[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |  |
| “Those who stand for nothing, fall for anything.”  **- Alexander Hamilton**, “Founding Father” of the United States (first secretary of the US Treasury, lawyer, scholar and military commander)[[3]](#footnote-3)  Alexander Hamilton |  |  |

***Peer Pressure Quotes* (Continued)**

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| **Quote** | **Paraphrase the Quote** | **Do you agree with this quote? Why or why not?** |
| “Why fit in, when you were born to stand out?”  - **Dr. Seuss**,American author, illustrator and artist[[4]](#footnote-4) |  |  |
| “Don’t force yourself to fit in where you don’t belong.”  - **Anonymous** |  |  |

***Peer Pressure Quotes* Reflection Questions**

**Directions:** In your neatest handwriting and in complete sentences, answer the following questions:

1. What lesson could Michelle learn from these quotes? What advice do you have for Michelle?

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1. How might these quotes help Erin understand how she’s affecting her best friend, Michelle (by pressuring her to ignore their friend)?

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**Stamp Your Learning for *Peer Pressure Quotes***

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Circle the quote you find most powerful. What have you learned from this quote that will help you handle unproductive peer pressure in the future?

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| “Peer pressure is pressure you put on yourself to fit in.”  – Jeffrey Moore | “Those who stand for nothing, fall for anything.”  - Alexander Hamilton | “Why fit in, when you were born to stand out.”  - Dr. Seuss | “Don’t force yourself to fit in where you don’t belong.”  - Anonymous |

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1. How are peer pressure and standing up for what you believe related?

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1. Refer to your answer for question 2. How is standing up for your beliefs a demonstration of courage?

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1. **unproductive peer pressure:** a situation where someone your age or close to your age tries to convince you to do something in order to fit in or be accepted (e.g. your peers convince you to throw a pencil at another student) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Jeffrey I. Moore <https://muckrack.com/jeffrey-moore-3> Accessed on 2/27/2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Alexander Hamilton <https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/alexander-hamilton> Accessed on 2/27/2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Dr. Seuss <https://www.seussville.com/dr-seuss/> Accessed on 2/27/2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)