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Character traits define who we are as individuals, the same way our personality does. No one is exactly the same, which is what makes everyone unique. All of the character traits are important, but to me the most important is cooperation. Cooperation is defined as getting along with others to achieve the same or similar goal(s) and a big part of cooperation is listening well. Whenever people cooperate, it makes the environment they are in easier for everyone.

As early as kindergarten students are being taught cooperation. Cooperation is very important, especially in the early years of education. By learning to cooperate with others early in life, it will help children become respectful adults. A student could show cooperation at school in many ways. Cooperation with teachers is very important. As students enter high school, their respect for others decreases, as well as their cooperation. If students cooperated more with their teachers, more work could get accomplished. Students do not realize that their teachers could be

good references for jobs or even for college applications. Students could show cooperation with teachers by listening attentively and following directions. Students could also show cooperation with fellow students. Cooperating with their peers could make the classroom environment better for everyone. Cooperation in the classroom could make it easier for the teacher to educate and for the students to learn.

Cooperation at home is also important. Teenagers often have a difficult time getting along with their parents. One reason is because of lack of communication, and another is the lack of cooperation from both the student and the parent. A student could show cooperation by listening to the advice parents give them, even if they do not agree. I think a parent could show cooperation by trying to understand situations better before jumping to conclusions. Listening is a key factor in cooperation and parents tend not to listen as much as their children. If parents could cooperate more with their children, they might be able to get their point across better. If the student would help out around the house,

parents would greatly appreciate it, and the household would be more calm and relaxed if the student would put forth an effort into helping others. By cooperating with others in the household, more work could get accomplished.

I have a friend who can cooperate with absolutely anyone. He is a people pleaser, and he wants to get along with everyone. This has helped him because by cooperating well with others, he has had many people who are willing to help him at any time, and who are more than willing to be a reference for him. I admire this person greatly. I have always wanted to go somewhere new and be able to get along well with different people, and wherever I go with this person, he can cooperate with anyone. This makes whatever we are doing fun for both of us, and it puts us in a relaxed environment. This person is one of my best friends, and we work very well together as a team. We can cooperate with each other well and this allows us to get along better. Just recently we attended a concert together, and we met a lot of people because of how well he can cooperate with others. I admire this person

because he possesses many traits that I wish I could, and that I wish others could also.

I think cooperation is important in everyday life because you have to be able to use cooperation to succeed in life. Whether it is cooperating with a fellow student, a teacher, or a coworker, cooperation is important. By showing cooperation you are showing that you can handle different situations and different people well, which I believe is a key factor for success.