

1. Thinking Is An Adventure




There's A Lot of Conflict in the World Today

It has been said that there has always been a lot of conflict in the world. Do you think that's true?



To survive!

Today, we still live in "tribes." Today, they're called families, clubs, or organizations. Here are some ways my family contributes to my safety:

- By giving me food and shelter. 
- By taking care of me when I'm ill. 
- By listening to my concerns. 
- Other ways are: _____

Many people I know belong to clubs or organizations. They, too, contribute to the safety of their members by:



- Allowing them to make new friends.
 - Teaching them new ideas.
 - Making them feel as if they belong.
 - Other ways are: _____
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The school I attend contributes to my safety in the following ways:

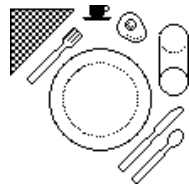


- I learn ways to be in the world that make me safer.
 - I socialize with others and stay off the streets.
 - I learn how to work closely with other people.
 - I pick up "do's" and "don'ts" on life today.
 - Other ways are: _____
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1. What does it mean to survive?

There are two kinds of survival:






Physical survival. Tribes and clans of the old days gave security to their members by guaranteeing them food, clothing, shelter and protection. You and I survive physically in the same way — by having enough to eat and drink, enough clothes to keep us warm, and a place to live.

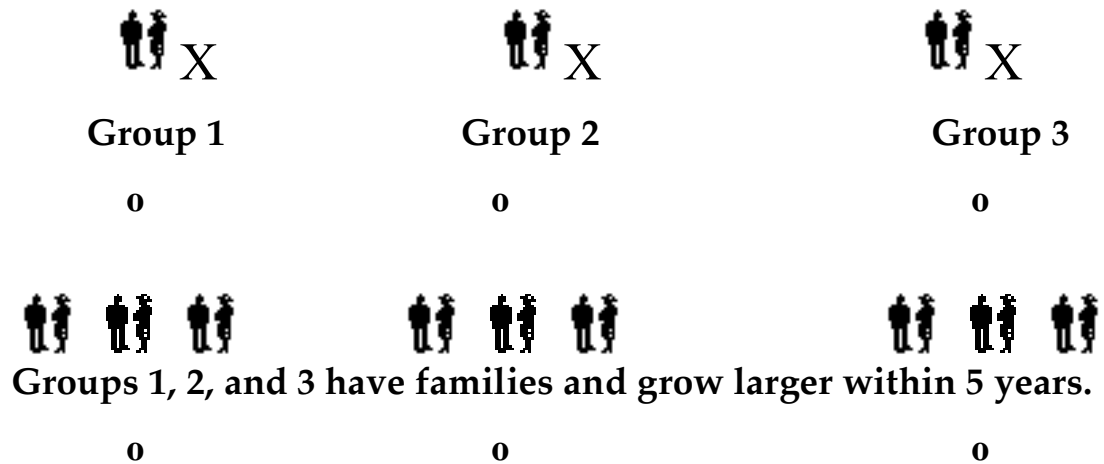

















Mental survival. We survive mentally when we feel safe and secure. Like ancient tribes, we, too, feel more safe when we belong to a family, a group, or an organization, and are able to share our thoughts and feelings with other members of that group.



2. Can you think of a way a tribe's or group's safety and security might be threatened? (Check the ones you think are appropriate.)

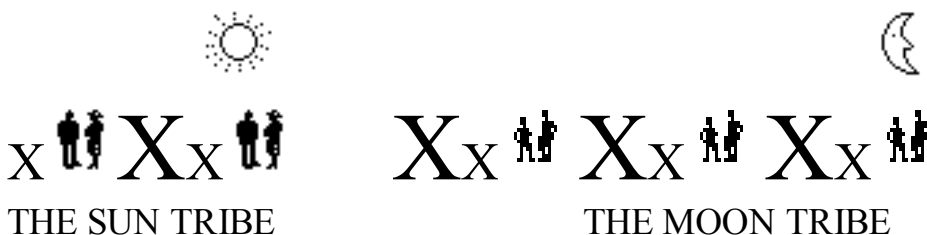
- ❑ One group  may believe that the other group  doesn't "belong" there.
- ❑ One group's customs and ideas may differ from those of the other group.
- ❑ If there's more than one group    in a territory, the groups might grow larger and larger, and bump into one another's land.



Groups 1, 2, and 3's families have families of their own within 25 years.

Over time, individual tribes grow — and their territories bump into other groups' territories. All the ancient tribes needed food, clothing and shelter. Each tribe saw the others as a threat to its physical survival.



3. Do you think this kind of threat still happens today?



6. Do you think there's enough food and shelter in the world today?



Yes! No!

I think the world now has the capability to feed and shelter everyone on Earth.



Although the world has developed the technology that makes it possible for us to feed and shelter everyone, I think there are still people who live in poverty.



Although the world can feed and shelter millions of people, I believe there are still people who starve and who have no place to live.



I believe all of our physical needs are taken care of today — far more than they were for our ancestors.



7. Do you think people like to protect their traditions?



- Yes! No! I'm not sure!
- Ancient tribes sometimes had trouble cooperating with each other, because they were used to doing things their own way.
- Today, we do the same thing. We hold on to our "traditions" — the things we're used to doing — and this, too, can keep us from cooperating with other people.
- When I feel afraid, it's difficult for me to cooperate at any level!

8. What do you think we're afraid of?



- I think we're afraid of losing traditions we've practiced for many years.
- I think we're afraid of people who are different from us.
- I think we become prejudiced toward people we don't understand.
- I think we're afraid — just like our native ancestors — that we won't survive!