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Snapfile 2 Students in action

Meet the characters. p. 30

It's the story of five very different middle school kids. One of them is considered the brain, another one is the athlete, one is the tough kid, one of them is a loner and one of them is perceived to be the rich kid. But the world only sees them as the same: five middle school kids from Hispanic backgrounds, where they're actually from different countries and different backgrounds, they have different interests, and they even speak with different levels of English and Spanish fluency.

I'm hoping that readers when reading the story come away with the fact that coming together with people that may not be exactly like you can completely transform your life and the world around you because diversity is where our strength really lies.

Christina Diaz Gonzalez about *Invisible* (2022).

What are they doing? p. 31

1. George is sitting at a table in the foreground, he is explaining something to a friend.
2. Sara is alone on the left-hand side. She's reading a book. She is hiding under the hood of her purple sweater.
3. Miguel is walking with a friend and holding his tray. He is looking for somewhere to sit. He's smiling.
4. Dayara is sitting at a table in the background, on the right-hand side. She's wearing combat trousers and a yellow T-shirt.
5. Nico is eating alone at the same table as George. He isn't taking part in a conversation.

We are doing it for the community. p. 32

Hello! On today's video, let's talk about community service projects.

What is a community service?

Community service is unpaid work that benefits people and organizations in the community.

Collect food: contact your local food bank and they will provide you with the necessary information and materials to have a food drive. Encourage people to donate their favorite food items.

Community garden: a community garden is a great way to bond with your community and provide healthy food. Consider making a garden just for children so they can learn about the process of gardening. It is a great educational opportunity.

Cleanup: a community cleanup will improve the look of your neighborhood or park and inspire people to keep the space looking great.

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Student 1: Today we are making shoes for kids in Africa to help keep them from getting different diseases in their feet and we're cutting apart different pieces of jeans and making the different parts of the shoe and then we're going to send them and the shoemakers in Africa are going to sew them together and give them to the kids and everyone will have a pair.

Michal: So I like giving back to the community because I feel like it's something good to do and it's important.

Max: It's important to give back to the community because you need help... Like you're part of the community so being part of something means that you're near...

Aesha: I like giving back to the community because, like, I'm showing everybody that I care and I joined this club because it sounded really good.

Service Learning at Woodbury Middle School (2015).