**The Alligator River Story**

There once was a woman named Abigail who was in love with a man named Gregory. Gregory lived on the shore of a river. Abigail lived on the opposite shore of the river. The river, which separated the two lovers, was teeming with man-eating alligators. Abigail wanted to cross the river to be with Gregory. Unfortunately the bridge had been washed out. So she went to ask Sinbad, the riverboat captain, to take her across. He said he would be glad to if she would go to bed with him. She promptly refused and went to a friend named Ivan to explain her plight. Ivan

said he did not want to be involved at all in the situation. Abigail felt her only alternative was to accept Sinbad’s terms. She went to bed with him and he then fulfilled his promise and took her across the river to Gregory.

When she told Gregory about her agreement with Sinbad, Gregory cast her aside. Heartsick and dejected, Abigail turned to Slug with her tale of woe. Slug, feeling compassion for Abigail, sought out Gregory and beat him brutally. Abigail was pleased to see Gregory getting beaten up, and as the sun sets on the horizon, we hear Abigail laughing at Gregory.

As a group, you must rank the story characters from best (1) to worst (5) and give a reason for your decisions. Be prepared to share your rankings and reasons with the class.

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| **Rank** | **Characters** | **Reason for ranking** |
|  | Abigail |  |
|  | Gregory |  |
|  | Sinbad |  |
|  | Ivan |  |
|  | Slug |  |

**Rules: Remember, you must rank the characters from best to worst. You must all agree with the final ranking.**

* You must listen while others talk
* You must not interrupt others
* You may not name call or say derogatory remarks about other’s thoughts
* You must treat others with respect at all times
* You must reach consensus