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The first document is an extract from the novella *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck, written in 1937, when George kills Lennie to save him. The second document is the song *You’ve got a friend* from Carole King, written in 1971. The last document is an image by Auguste Renoir, named *Déjeuner des Canotiers*, painted from 1880 to 1881. First, I will define friendship, then I am going to compare the different forms of friendship. Finally, I will show that friendship takes many forms.

Friendship is when someone is there for another one, to help him, to be with him and to spend time with him. It is also when there is an interaction with that person, especially when the two people are here to help each other. Friendship is also a feeling, a way of interacting with society and other people. That feeling works when the second person is prepared to help the first one. As an example, when George shoots Lennie, it is to avoid Lennie from suffering from his mistakes. George looks out for Lennie and Lennie looks out for George. “[…] I got you an’/An’ I got you.” (L.24-25), “We got each other” (L.25). Friendship is also present in the second document, in this song, the narrator is offering help to whoever calls his name or thinks of him. “Close your eyes and think of me/And I soon will be there” (L.4-5), “[…] call my name out loud/Soon you’ll hear me knocking at your door” (L.17-18).

Artists represent friendship in different ways. For some it will be with a character that will help another one. For others, via a person that will always be there. In Carole King, *You’ve got a friend*, which is about defining what a real friend is. And for other, friendship will be represented by people having a good time, like in *Déjeuner des Canotiers* from Auguste Renoir, in which are represented people talking, telling stories, while having their meal.

Friendship may take many forms because there isn’t only one way to interact with one another. As cited previously, friendship could be: helping one another, it may also be spending good time, *Déjeuner des Canotiers*. Friendship sometimes happens in the most unlikely situations: in the supermarket, helping homeless people. Friendship can also be present in long distance conversations, like when to pin pals exchange letters, e-mails.

Finally, friendship has many varied forms and can happen in different situations. How can we create the necessary circumstances to obtain a powerful and liable everlasting friendship?

