Aristotle’s view on friendship is very different from our view in today’s society. Aristotle viewed friendship as a relationship where you and other people that were always around each other, had a deep relationship, and told each other everything. Society’s view on a relationship today is based on social media and how many people you communicate with, which determines your friendships. Friendship is not based off years of getting to know each other; it’s based off of simply clicking a follow button or sending a friend request. I agree and disagree with Aristotle’s view on social media, I don’t think that all friendships that occur over social media are real, but all of them aren’t just completely fake. I do think that because of social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, the world’s definition of the word “friends” has and is constantly changing. Most people don’t know the true definition of friendship at all because they never get out into the real world to experience actual life, instead of digital life.

Aristotle asked his fellow Athenians if they would rather have no friends at all or everything in the world? Everyone deserves friendships, whether they are close, long distance, or over social media, but if you do use social media to make friends do not get too attached to it because there is a probability that you won’t sustain contact with the outside world. For example, I am into social media and I have friends on Facebook and followers on Instagram, but I do not indulge myself in it twenty four-seven. Some of my Facebook and Instagram are friends in real life, but the majority of them I really don’t socialize with; they’re just acquaintances that like my pictures and posts. Even when I’m not on social media sites I am on my phone talking to or texting someone. That doesn’t make me lonely, because I have balance with my real and social media life. The article states that most people would tell their dreams and fears to everyday working class people than their family and friends. If this is what the world would be coming to, in a lonely social media driven world, I would not want to live here. The truth is that social media doesn’t offer the best friendships. One thing that social media friendships do offer that I like is rolling down your timeline and having a good laugh from your memes or seeing a picture of someone accomplishing something. In real friendships you can have a good laugh anytime and accomplish great things with them. Social also works like the real world where on social sites society’s outcast have very little friends and the popular or most likeable people have the most followers or friends.