

Project Niggle Part 3



Now that you have connected (as it were) the stem of your leaf to that of another student, it's time to connect stem to branch. This begins with the exchange of one group's entire set of leaves with those of another, which should have already taken place. But what then?

You will have, in your group as many leaves as those you gave away. The first thing to do is to meet as a group and see what you have in hand: ideally, you might take turns reading all the leaves to each other, or you could silently peruse them, reading each individually (though that will take much longer). Once that's done, you should discuss all the leaves as a group, with one person serving as recorder. Look for themes and patterns, and work to identify the following:

- At least three or four broad themes that the leaves have in common. These can and perhaps should be very broad, e.g. "loss," "friendship," or "dreams." For practical reasons, groups of three should identify three, while groups of four will want four of them.
- For each theme, find a brief quote from one of the leaves that your group feels best exemplifies that theme. Each person in the group should then choose one of the themes, as well as the accompanying quote, as your own.
- Each of you should then create a new leaf with these as its inspiration. The inspiration need not be literal (think, if you're familiar with it, of one of the "inspiration" challenges on the show *Project Runway*).
- Bring these new leaves, as well as the ones you were given, to class next Tuesday.