

# Thoughts on Friendship

There is a reason romantic love remains such a popular theme in books and movies: it is a subject that is important to all of us, at least at some point in our lives. Tell about the romance and love in your life.

## **Getting Started**

1. What family stories do you know about love and romance? For example, do you know how your parents or grandparents met and married? Are there family stories about lost love, jilted brides, arranged marriages, elopements, unusual courtships or long, happy marriages?
2. Describe your first crush. How old were you? Who was the object of your love? How did things work out?
3. What are your thoughts about dating? If you aren't allowed to date yet, how do you feel about that? Would you like to start dating? What observations can you make about people your age and dating? What problems do you see with dating? What benefits? What would you change?
4. What qualities – not physical features – of the opposite sex are attractive to you? Be specific.
5. How do you feel about marriage? Do you think you will get married some day? If so, how do you hope the marriage will be similar to marriages you have seen? How do you hope it will be different?
6. Do you think people your age can be in love? Why or why not?