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| **Helpless Student** | **Self-Sufficient Student** |
| Asks for the teacher before reading the question or talking to other students in the group | Reads each question carefully, discusses with the team, and asks questions listed on the group role cards |
| Only does work when teacher is standing close | Makes progress in the lesson whether or not the teacher is watching |
| Is concerned about getting points | Is concerned about learning the ideas |
| Says “I don’t know” and then does no work for the rest of the period | Says “I don’t know” and then takes action to move forward in the lesson by asking questions and trying new ideas |
| Talks while the teacher is talking and then is confused about what to do | Listens respectfully while the teacher is talking, shares ideas, and questions the ideas of others |
| Talks while other students are talking and then is confused about what to do | Listens respectfully while other students are talking, shares ideas when appropriate, and questions the ideas of others |
| Does not have textbook or workbook | Brings textbook, workbook, and all other materials to class every day |
| Does not attempt homework problems | Gets homework help online at homework.cpm.org, follows the steps, checks the hints, and checks answers until s/he understands the problems. Asks for help outside of class if very stuck. |
| Comes up with excuses about why s/he is off task or lets small obstacles prevent learning | Overcomes obstacles to make sure s/he understands the lesson |
| Needs to be prompted to read, start a problem, or get materials | Gets materials, reads the problem, and starts working without anyone having to say anything |
| Is absent and then comes to class the next day confused | Completes all classwork and homework, even when absent |

As a teacher, my job is to help you grow into a self-sufficient person. I am here guide you through the lessons and answer team questions, but at the end of the day how much you learn depends on what you do during class and at home. These strategies will help you to become more self-sufficient in your learning to better prepare you for the challenges of college and the career world.