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During our first encounter at the Bloomsburg Middle School we were able to get to know our circle groups. We interacted with the students, got to know their likes and dislikes. After we leaders spent time involving the students in an activity, and presentation on our project we shared the book choices to our groups. My group voted on *The Reformed Vampire Support Group* by Catherine Jinks. I was happy with the choice my group made. This book was personally my favorite of the four choices. The novel is mysterious and thrilling which will keep their attention. It contains a plot that is addicting and will hopefully teach my group a lesson in the end. If not, I know they will still enjoy the book no matter what, so will I.

There is one student in my group that I am choosing to focus on. Little Johnny showed that he needed a little more attention than the rest of the group. He had the ability to make his own decision after a long thought process debating over two books. Even though one of his friends tried to persuade him into choosing his choice of book, Johnny spoke up and said “I want to choose the book I like”. This effort and independence over a friends influence caught my eye. I am anxious and excited to watch Johnny learn and grow while reading the novel. I am even more anxious to see all of my students discuss the novel as a group, and to see their interactions. During our next meeting we leaders will set a reading schedule for the students and hopefully get to learn even more about them individually.