

## GROUP SECRETARIES

Giving students **responsibilities** enhances their **self-steem** and increases their degree of **engagement** in the class activities.!



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One procedure I typically use is that of appointing students as class secretaries. Students in my class are divided into four groups. All members of the same group sits around a table and one adopts the role of secretary for a week. This role is alternatively taken by all students in the group, at least once every term.



Group secretaries are assigned managing roles such as being in charge of setting up the date in the classroom calendar or recording the weather on a daily basis. On each table we place a picture frame that illustrates the class role the group assistant will take on that week. Class secretaries are also responsible for giving the members of their group the supplies needed to carry out the activities planned and for putting them away at the end of the lesson.

also make a drawing and take a picture of it!

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