**Golden Girl**

**Short Story**

**How can friendship sometimes be destructive or harmful? How can we recognize this? What do you *need* in a friend?**

**Before Reading**

* To be a friend, “you should close your eyes to the faults of others and open them to your own”, but is this always a good idea?
* What are the qualities or characteristics that you look for in a friend?

**During Reading**

* Read the story silently to yourself and make a list of the comments that Donna makes to put herself down

**After Reading**

* Review your original list of qualities that you look for in a friend. How many of these were demonstrated by the narrator or any of the other major characters in the story? Which qualities were not demonstrated?