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Team Trouble

Directions: Read the story below about a group project and how one student learned to take responsibility. Then answer the questions that follow.

It was the last day to finish the science project, and Jordan's group was running out of time. When Ms. Rivera came to check on their progress, the model volcano still wasn't painted. Without thinking, Jordan said, "It's Maya's fault! She forgot the paint!" Maya looked shocked. She had actually reminded Jordan twice to bring it. The room grew quiet as Ms. Rivera raised an eyebrow.

Later that afternoon, Jordan sat alone and thought about what had happened. He realized he had blamed Maya just to avoid getting in trouble. The truth was, he had forgotten the paint himself. When Maya walked by, Jordan took a deep breath. "I'm sorry for blaming you," he said quietly. "It was my mistake, and I should have told the truth." Maya smiled and said, "Thanks, Jordan. Let's finish this volcano together." They worked side by side and turned it in just in time.

Comprehension Questions:

1. What mistake did Jordan make at the beginning of the story?
2. How did Maya feel when Jordan blamed her?
3. What helped Jordan realize he was wrong?
4. What did Jordan say to make amends?
5. What lesson can you learn from Jordan's story?

Reflection Questions:

6. Have you ever blamed someone else for something you did? What happened?
7. Why is it important to take responsibility for your actions?
8. How does saying sorry help rebuild trust?
9. What could Jordan have done differently from the start?
10. Write one kind sentence you could say if you hurt someone's feelings by mistake.