

Writing Activity 2: Examining Motives



“Look at those, Isabel. Those are you. Those are who you really are. That’s what I hope you’ll be thinking about, not silly gossip by unkind children who always have to make themselves feel better by saying mean things about other people.”

-Just Kidding p. 176

Think about the characters in *Just Kidding* who gossip, specifically Anna and Joline.

Tell, in writing, why you think they do that. Do you think that Mrs. Martinez is correct when she says they are trying to make themselves feel better by saying mean things about other people?

Do you think that, in time, Anna and Joline will really feel better about themselves if they continue to say and do mean things?

Could Anna and Joline be considered victims also?
