

Be specific with yourself and your team when thinking about taking a risk. In taking a risk, you'll also want to consider a few final things, including:

- Can you identify steps to make it positive?
- Is it worth taking only at certain times or in particular situations?
- Will you uphold personal and group values without compromising ethics?
- Can you inspire the group to work together, through the ups and downs, even though you're not sure of the outcome?
- Could you fix or learn from any mistakes to become an even stronger leader?



## Think and Write About It

Read the following scenarios. Imagine first that you are *ready* to take the risk described. Then imagine that you will *take* the risk described. Write your answers to the following questions on the lines provided after each scenario:

- How do you know you are ready to take this risk?
- What emotions are you feeling inside? Fear, excitement, curiosity, hope, or something else?
- What are you thinking when taking the first steps?
- When you are done, how do you feel about having taken this risk?

You have never run for a leadership position but believe you're ready to try. You want to take the steps to become a candidate at school (or youth community program or advisory board, or other group) and go through the election.