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In the world of middle school, there are social groups and cliques. A social group is usually composed of a large group of diverse kids. When I say diverse I mean different types of kids with a mixture of different talents. In a social group, everyone has a place and feels that they belong.

A clique is usually a smaller group of kids that are mostly composed of one type of kid. For example a cliques may only consist of all nerds while other cliques are only composed of jocks. Cliques can also be secretive and can talk about people behind their back.
“Every clique is a refuge for incompetence. It fosters corruption and disloyalty, it begets cowardice, and consequently is a burden upon and a drawback to the progress of the country. Its instincts and actions are those of the pack.”

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek

Cliques are small groups of people, with shared interests in common. They only spend time with the people inside of the clique and don’t allow other people within.

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Jerry Spinelli
Social Groups are usually known as a group of people interacting and share similar characteristics. There are many different types of social groups. Inside each social group can be a mixture of nerds, girly girls, tomboys, jocks, and popular kids.

"Within each social group, a feeling of solidarity prevails, a compelling need to work together and a joy in doing so that represents a high moral value."
“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.”
— Ryunosuke Satoro, Poet

I don't really believe in cliques - I think everyone can be friends with everyone.
Lucy Hale

Now in any social group whatever, even in a gang of thieves, we find some interest held in common, and we find a certain amount of interaction and cooperative intercourse with other groups. From these two traits we derive a standard.
— John Dewey

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— Joey Spiotto