

Writing Text Type
Argument**Keeping Up Appearances**
By Emma Ramirez

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Some people say teens have bigger problems to worry about. They say that gangs or bullies are the worst problems facing teens today. Yes these are serious issues. However, if teens stopped competing with each other, they could work together to make things better.

In conclusion, students face too much pressure to compete with their own friends. Teachers and parents already demand that teens do well in school or act in a certain way. Teens should encourage their friends and not compete with them.

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