

Name:

Day One

Together for Latinas

Part 1: Silent read

→ What's the group called Together for Latinas? Read silently.

Being a teen can be difficult. Many teens struggle with thorny questions and serious issues. Latina teens are especially at risk. Young Latina women are more likely to drop out, get pregnant, contract HIV, and commit suicide than non-Latina women. Together for Latinas wants this to stop.

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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is Together for Latinas?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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