

Giving a Gift Card to Another Class

One of the neat things about Kiva is that it is possible to give a gift card to another person. The person who receives your Kiva gift is then able to go in and get the good feelings that come from helping someone in the developing world. Better yet, the person gets those good feelings time and time again each time the loan is paid back.

That means one of our options could be to give a Kiva gift card to another class of students. By doing so, we might be introducing a teacher and a room full of thirty kids to a service project they can get involved in and learn from over time. This could be powerful, couldn't it? We would basically be multiplying our power by finding other kids to help.

Let's think this through.

Advantages of Giving a Gift Card to Another Class	Disadvantages of Giving a Gift Card to Another Class
This introduces more students to Kiva while they are young. That means they are likely to keep loaning through their whole lives.	We don't control where our loan money goes. If sister schools decide to loan to parts of the world that we don't study (or don't want to support), we cannot stop them.
It introduces more teachers to Kiva. That means they are likely to get students involved in microlending throughout their entire careers.	We don't control how involved our sister schools become. They might choose not to do anything with the gift cards we donate, or they might forget to reloan money over time. We have to put faith into others and trust that they will do the right thing with our money.
We can follow the impact of our loans by setting up a Kiva Team: a group of people who tracks their loans together. Our Kiva Team is called _____, and any school that we give a gift card to will be asked to join our team.	We might not ever find out how our money was used. Sister schools might not sign up for our Kiva Team, or might forget to tie new loans to our team.
It allows students in other classes to study life in parts of the world they may never have explored before.	While it is nice to see other kids and classes get involved, gift cards limit our own involvement by limiting the number of people we can help.

Working in your small group, consider the following questions.

- Can you think of any other advantages or disadvantages of using our Kiva funds to give a gift card to another class?

