***What is Friendship?***

***There are many ways to be a good friend. A good friend can look different than everyone else. They can be small or tall, blonde or brunette, like chocolate with pickles, or tomatoes on ice cream. You can only judge people by what’s in their hearts. If your friend is different/not the same gender, don’t be afraid that you will be teased because you are with them. You can always trust a good friend. If you are a good friend, your friends can trust you. True friends do things together, but always give each other some space. They aren’t with each other 24/7, but they are comfortable being around each other. My idea of a really good friend is someone who comes over to me if I’m sad, while everyone else walks straight by, not really caring how I feel. All of my friends have done that for me. A good friend is always there for you.***

***Karana and Rontu are a good example of true friendship. They are always together. When Karana goes out to hunt or spear fish, Rontu’s with her, and when she leaves to shoo the seagulls away and Rontu stays behind, he’s waiting by the door for her to come back. They go down to the beach together, When Karana tried to catch the devilfish (octopus), it fought back and Rontu helped her kill it.***

***Another great example of a true friendship is Karana and Tutok. Tutok is an Aleut, and comes on the Aleut ship. She wanders over to Karana’s house, sees Karana, and says, “Wintscha”, and points to her skirt of feathers. “Wintscha” meant pretty in her Tutok’s language. Tutok was trying to tell Karana that she was not going to give her away to her people, that she wanted to be Karana’s friend, her secret friend, that Karana could trust. Eventually, they became friends. They began bringing each other presents, like necklaces, circlets for their hair, and other little goodies like that. They love each other very much (as friends).***

***After writing about Rontu and Karana, and Tutok and Karana, I see that they are very different in some ways, but similar in other ways. Rontu and Karana more do things together, they don’t really “talk”, and Karana and Tutok more hang out and talk, they don’t really do physical things together. But they both would follow Karana to the end of the earth-well, island, really. I think Karana’s idea of friendship before she met Rontu and Tutok was much different. Before, I think that she thought friendship was just when you are nice to someone, and they’re nice to you. After Rontu and Tutok, she believes friendship is much more than just that. Friendship is a true bonding experience.***