



Character and Our Speakers

Below are activities to expand your students' experience at Exercise Your Character. Choose an activity or activities that work best for your group of students.

You may use all or part of this list of character traits or your own list.

Character Traits

- | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| Ambition | Effort | Perseverance |
| Compassion | Enthusiasm | Positive Attitude |
| Confidence | Endurance | Resilience |
| Curiosity | Fairness | Respect |
| Diligence | Grit | Service |
| Drive | Honesty | Thrift |
| Determination | Justice | Trustworthiness |
| Dependability | Passion | Work Ethic |

Group discussion:

From the list above choose 3-5 traits that each speaker needed in order to be successful. Why do you think they needed that character trait?

Where did you see that trait in their story?

Writing Prompt:

Write about a time when you demonstrated one of the character traits from the list. Describe the situation and how you responded. If it happened again, what would you do differently?

Research:

Find information about the speaker. Where did they grow up? Where did they go to school? Where have they worked? What are they known for? What surprised you about this person? What do you think contributed to their success?

Vocabulary:

Review the list of character traits. Individually or in groups, identify which were demonstrated by each speaker and define each of the words.



The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center



CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Six Pillars of Character are trademarks of the Josephson Institute.