

Advocacy and Citizenship: Speaking Out For Others

Teacher's Student Activities

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Module I: Integrity and Character

Student Activities

Pre-Viewing Activity:

After a class discussion about what advocacy means and what it takes to be a successful advocate, students make a quick write list of the things they feel they could advocate for or against. They identify someone they believe to be a successful advocate.

Group Activity

Students conduct a group Talk Back session using a quote from one of the guest panelists. They share their ideas with another group or the entire class.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Science: Tribute to Dr. Linus Pauling

History/Geography: Sites of Courage

Current Events: Front Page News

Research Project

Students conduct research on two or more famous advocates to examine the importance of integrity and character. They compare and contrast how these advocates found the courage to persevere using the format of a research paper or a multimedia presentation.

Terms to Discuss

advocacy

character

integrity

citizenship

courage

virtue

persevere

integrate

risk

Module II: Honesty and Values

Student Activities

Pre-Viewing Activity:

After a class discussion about what honesty is practiced in our culture, students fill a Sketch Pad with words, images, and symbols that illustrate how issues of honesty play a role in their lives.

Group Activity

Students work in small groups to create a Career Web that demonstrates how issues of honesty and values play an important role in a career they value.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Social Studies/Geog: People and Places

History/Literature: Elie Wiesel Timeline

Persuasive Writing: On the Air , A Radio Editorial on Honesty

Research Project

Students conduct research on 3-5 people who told the truth and did the right thing. After the research phase, students select one of these heroes and creatively present their lives to the class by writing a tribute, a newspaper interview, an obituary, or an eyewitness account.

Terms to Discuss

honesty

moral

principle

values

fortitude

appeal

corrosive

corrupt

advocacy

citizenship

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Module III: Lawyers and Advocacy

Student Activities

Pre-Viewing Activity:

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After a class discussion about lawyers and advocacy, students complete an Open Mind activity comparing the advocacy concerns of prosecution and defense attorneys.

Group Activity

In small groups, students discuss several comments made by panelist, Brendan Sullivan. They select one quote for development into a debate question, and outline arguments for and against the issue.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Business/Consumer: Ralph Nader and Consumer Rights

Health/Art: The Right to Choose

Career Education: Exploring a Career in Law

Research Project

Students conduct research on a famous trial or legal issue. They use their research to develop a newspaper article, editorial, trial web site, or interview that explores the issue from different points of view.

Terms to Discuss

adversary
defense
prosecutor
corporation
jurors
justice
conviction
choice
allegations
evidence
advocacy
citizenship

ADVOCACY AND CITIZENSHIP**Module IV: Students and Advocacy****Student Activities****Pre-Viewing Activity: Group Activity**

In small groups, students discuss local opportunities for students to volunteer and make a difference. They create a Community

Tour to orient a visitor to the needs of the community.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Mathematics: Jimmy Carter and Habitat for Humanity Creative

Writing/Art: Memories

Physical Education: An Athletic Difference

Research Project Students conduct research on local problems as candidates for their own action. They select one issue and write a personal action plan for joining in to help. They write a monologue about their personal experience as an advocate.

Terms to Discuss

advocacy

motivation

power

privilege

community

volunteer

advocacy

citizenship

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Module V: Discrimination

Student Activities

Pre-Viewing Activity:

After a class discussion about the meaning of discrimination, students individually brainstorm causes, effects, and examples of discriminatory acts.

Group Activity

In small groups, students develop a public service commercial that exposes and denounces a form of discrimination in our society.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Creative Writing: Rosa Parks: Pioneer for Civil Rights

Social Studies: Cliques and Stereotypes

Current Events: Telling Events

Research Project

Students conduct research on individuals or organizations that have successfully advocated for an end to some form of

discrimination. They use their research to develop a script for a program on the History Channel or a web site.

Terms to Discuss

discrimination
civil rights
bias
segregation
stereotype
token
dispossessed
disenfranchised
cliques
advocacy

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Module VI: Books that Changed Lives

Student Activities

Pre-Viewing Activity:

After a class discussion about how reading and books can change lives, students brainstorm the books, authors, and characters that have made a difference to them.

Group Activity

In small groups, students make recommendations of books, films, plays, music, performances and visual art that can inspire others to achievement and advocacy.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Expository Writing: Powerful Books

Goal Setting: Wise Choices

Careers: Public Service

Research Project

Students conduct research on Greek authors and their works. They select a myth, poem, play, or other work to review learning about its author, impact on Greek society, and lessons for our modern world. They select an research outcome writing a profile of a hero, a modern myth, or a letter to the author.

Terms to Discuss

advocacy
citizenship
civic
virtue
cognitive
classical
relent
scholarship
achievement

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