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LESSON 6-13 ▲ SIX STEPS TO SUCCESS

**LEARNING GOALS/OUTCOMES**

* Students will identify careers based on the tasks performed by people in those careers.
* Students will describe how their interests relate to careers.

**MATERIALS NEEDED**

* **Student Handouts:**
* Six Steps to Success Worksheet
* Character Traits Writing Exercise

**CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

1. **Introduce the six “success” traits.** Write these words on the board: ***Commitment, Confidence, Courage, Creativity, Determination, Integrity.*** What do they mean? Why are they important? Help students define and discuss why they are important traits to exhibit at school – and why they might be important traits on the job. Do students value these traits in themselves? Why or why not? Ask students to name historical figures to illustrate each trait.
2. **Explore the six “success” traits.** Distribute the *Six Steps to Success Worksheet* and ask students to work in small groups to complete it. Assign each group one of the traits for the final two questions on the handout. Let them discuss their answers in their small groups. If you have time, bring the discussion back to your full group.
3. **Begin the writing exercise.** The *Character Traits Writing Exercise* helps students explore their values – and the character traits necessary to succeed in the world. Use your remaining time during this lesson to assign the writing exercise… or partner with a Language Arts teacher to extend this lesson in a Language Arts class.

**STUDENT PRODUCTS**

* **Completed *Six Steps to Success Worksheet***
* **Completed *Character Traits Writing Exercise***

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 SIX STEPS TO SUCCESS WORKSHEET

Name

**DIRECTIONS:** *Following your group discussion, please write a definition for each of the six “success” traits.*

**Commitment**

**Confidence**

**Courage**

**Creativity**

**Determination**

**Integrity**

*Circle the trait above that your advisor has asked your group to report on. Please answer the following questions based on this character trait.*

**Explain why this trait is important to have as a student. How does it help you at school?**

**How would a student demonstrate this trait? Describe one example.**

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 CHARACTER TRAITS WRITING EXERCISE

Name

**DIRECTIONS:** *Use the space provided below to write down your thoughts on ONE of the following writing prompts. Use the back of this sheet or a computer to write your final response.*

**Write four words that describe something good about you. Explain how one of those words relates to the six “success” character traits and how that character trait applies to you. Describe how you have exhibited this character trait.**

**Do you have a hero? Who is that person and what character traits make you look up to him or her? Describe how this person has modeled at least one of the six character traits discussed during this lesson.**