



Character: Suggestions



Character is one of the eight skill areas identified as being important for students to learn in order to be successful leaders in their lives. We believe that these skills can be taught every day in the lessons and activities you provide to your students. Below are suggestions and questions to help facilitate the development of this skill area when you find a lesson plan that is marked as utilizing “character”.

Suggestions:

- Specifically point out the ways in which the lesson utilizes character
 - Discuss how they or someone else will display their character
 - Discuss the character traits that they recognized
- If the lesson involves the student working alone – get them to ask questions so that they may learn more about their own character
- If the lesson involves recognizing the character in others – discuss what character traits they notice, and how they can be seen in that person’s behavior
- Help students see their character in their own responses to situations by having the group talk about examples for different individuals
- Point out ways that recognizing & developing “good” character can help build leadership
 - Influencing opinion
 - Better responses to situations
 - Increasing confidence in others to follow
- Look at the additional resources for Character on the imaleaderpa.org website

Questions:

- Do you feel certain about the character traits that you possess?
 - Are these in line with what others think of you?
- What traits would you like to gain or lose?
- How do your character traits affect the decisions you make?
- How did the other person show you their character?
 - Could you tell from their actions or by what they said?
 - How did their character influence your perceptions of their leadership abilities?
 - Did they possess these traits or did they develop them through their work?
- How do you wish to influence others through your character?



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