



EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES



Integrity 2021 (40 - 50 min.)

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Standards / SEL Connections:

Standards: LAFS.ELA-LITERACY.910-1112.SL.1-3, LAFS.SS.912.H.1.2, LAFS.SS.912.H.1.3, LAFS.SS.912.H.2.3, LAFS.SS.912.H.2.4

SEL Components: Self-Awareness, Relationship Skills, Self-Management, Social Awareness

Essential Question:

What is integrity and how can we, as a community/society, display integrity at home or in the classroom?

Objective:

Students will identify ways in which they can show integrity in school, at home and in the community. EOD artwork and quotes, along with other educational sources, will be used.

Resources / Materials Needed:

- Lesson PowerPoint
- Quote Sheet
- Pencils

Direct Instruction:

Slide 1 (5 min.):

- Ask students what they think the word integrity means.
- Write down responses on the board or a large piece of chart paper.

Slide 2 (30 min.):

- Place students into small groups.
- Assign each group a famous quote about integrity from the Quote Sheet (page 3). Cut and separate the quotes if desired/possible.
- Groups will come together to discuss what they think the quote means. (10 min.)
- Come back together as a class. Have each group share their quote and the group's thoughts on the meaning of the quote.
- Have the class define integrity by drawing on all quote analysis that was just shared.
- Write the class made definition of integrity on the board or a piece of chart paper (10 min.).

Ex. - The definition should be something like "total honesty, always doing the right thing, being fair, respectful, and trustworthy."



Slide 3 (5 min.):

Have students analyze the artwork quietly.

What stands out to them as the theme or message of integrity in this art piece?

Have students compare/contrast the mood/tone of the image and the quote quietly.

Slide 4 (5 min.):

Leave the artist statement up on the board a bit and have class quietly read/reflect on the statement. Ask students to restate what they feel the artist is trying to say.

Slide 5 (5 min.):

- Have students analyze the artwork quietly.
- ASK: Can you communicate integrity if you do not like/love yourself?
- ASK: Is pride or respect in oneself the key to integrity or a main component?
- ASK: Will living a life with integrity lead you to self-love?
- Have students compare/contrast the mood/tone of the image and the quote quietly.

Slide 6 (5 min.):

Leave the artist statement up on the board a bit and have class quietly read/reflect on the statement. Ask students to restate what they feel the artist is trying to say.

Slide 7 (5 min.) Group reflection:

Have students read the questions to themselves and ask for reflection or thoughts on the questions.

Extensions:

- Have students choose a quote from the class/group activity that they particularly liked. Then, have students think of a person from their own lives, pop culture, or history who is the essence of a person with integrity.
- Have students independently write a paragraph explaining how their chosen person displays integrity in his or her life and the character traits this person possesses that reveal integrity.
- You may want to provide students with a copy of the “Sample Quotes about Integrity” activity sheet so they can see all the quotes.

Bonus Extension:

Short video by Joe Sabini on *Simplifying Humility and Integrity*. (5 ½ mins) – [click here](#).

SEL Framework: [click here](#)



Sample Quotes About Integrity

“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not.”

—Oprah Winfrey

“Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain.”

—Unknown

“Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters.”

—Albert Einstein

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.”

—C. S. Lewis

“Wisdom is knowing the right path to take...integrity is taking it.”

—Unknown

“It is not what we profess in public, but where we walk and what we practice in secret that gives us integrity.”

—Sir Francis Bacon

“Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it’ll always get you the right ones.”

—John Lennon