

Lesson 6: HOPES AND DREAMS: HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

Introduction:

- Hand out the “Honesty Worksheet” which introduces three scenarios in which people might act differently. Ask students to review the scenarios and determine what they think is the “right thing to do.”
- Discuss in a large group setting



• Watch chapter: “*Hopes and Dreams*”

- What positive attributes did Dummy Hoy display?
 - o Honesty
 - o Integrity
 - o Sportsmanship
 - o Courage
 - o Fairness
- Would you have done the same thing?



Assignment:

You are a newspaper reporter for The New School Times. You have just watched the baseball game that Dummy Hoy participated in. Your newspaper is trying to promote positive attributes such as honesty and integrity. Write an article, using 100 words, explaining what honesty and integrity are and how Dummy exemplified them in the game today.

- Rubric provided

Alternative Assignment:

- #1: Have students make a comic strip of someone who, when faced with a difficult problem, is honest. Students should write and illustrate the comic strip. Color and neatness should also be assessed.
- #2: Have students write a song that shares a story of someone who, when faced with a difficult problem, is honest. Students should write the lyrics and provide you with a written copy. Music should be included. Students may find background music online or may choose to create their own music.

Part 1:

1. What does honesty mean to you?
2. Do you think people should be honest all the time? Explain.

Part 2:

Sometimes it is difficult to determine how to act in certain situations. In fact, it's not uncommon for people to act one way and then wonder if they acted appropriately in situations where there is a "gray area." Review the following scenarios and answer the questions that follow. When everyone is done, you will discuss your responses with your classmates to determine what other people think.

1. You are taking a test and you accidentally glance at Sarah's paper. You notice that Sarah's answers make a lot more sense than yours. Do you change your answer or leave it? Explain.
2. Jackson enjoys playing basketball at the park down the street. His friend Taylor realizes that a lot of the guys go down to play basketball and he decides to join in. A few games in, Jackson notices that Taylor is committing multiple fouls and is not being called on it. Jackson says something but Taylor blows him off and continues to play unfairly. How would you respond if you were Jackson?
3. Simone is put into a group with Ryan, Shanice and Michael. They have been assigned a group project in English class. They divide up the work and agree to meet a day before it is due to finalize the work. When they get together, Ryan doesn't have his work done. He apologizes and explains that he's had too much going on and wasn't able to do his part. Shanice becomes very anxious and does Ryan's part. They hand in the project on time and they all receive an "A." Simone notices that Ryan accepts the grade and she is very angry about it. What should she do?