



Character Education Newspaper Activities

These character education activities are from the NIE Institute's 100 Ways to Use the Newspaper.

1. Make a Hall of Fame, Hall of Shame poster of bulletin board. Clip articles and cartoons of people who are exhibiting good character traits. Place these under the Hall of Fame heading. Place examples of people not using good character traits under the Hall of Shame heading.
2. Go through The newspaper and make a "survival vocabulary list" of words that a person would need to know to be a good responsible citizen in today's world.
3. Read an article in the newspaper about an individual who is honest. What has the honest act? What were the consequences of the act? Would you have made the same decision?
4. Make a family crest that shows examples of what is good about yourself and your family. Look through today's paper and cut out words or pictures that remind you of what you like about your family. Paste them on a sheet of paper.
5. Look through the newspaper for an article that shows individuals, groups or nations involved in a conflict. Write down the different sides, and what seems to be the reason or reasons for the conflict. Think of as many different ways as you can that they might resolve this conflict. Write a letter to the editor that explains how the groups or nations can resolve their conflict. Would these groups need courage, kindness, forgiveness, and patience? What other character traits would they need to exhibit to solve their conflict?