

FAMOUS AMERICANS character traits task cards

Famous Americans: Character Traits

Many people know that Milton Hershey was a successful businessman and became rich by selling chocolates, but not many people know that Hershey donated millions to create a school for orphaned boys. Hershey and his wife loved kids but weren't able to have any, so they established the Hershey Industrial School to help other children.

Which character

Famous Americans: Character Traits

Susan B. Anthony thought it was wrong that women couldn't vote. In fact, she devoted 37 years of her life trying to get a law passed to allow women to vote. In 1872, Anthony decided to vote in the election even though it wasn't legal at the time. She was fined \$100 for doing so, but this didn't stop her. When she refused to pay, this helped spread the word about women's right to vote.

Which character trait is shown?

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John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company made him a very wealthy man. He not only was wealthy, but he was giving. Rockefeller gave a great deal of that money away (\$540 million) to help others. He donated to medical research, education, science, and the arts.

Which character trait is shown?

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Ben Franklin liked to swim when he was young, so he invented paddles for his hands and feet, after noticing how well ducks swim with webbed feet. When he was older, he invented the Franklin Stove.

① Which character trait is shown?

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When Captain John Smith met with Chief Powhatan to ask for help, the English who lived in Virginia and the Powhatan Indians were not getting along. When Powhatan soldiers raised their clubs to kill Smith, Pocahontas rushed forward to protect him from their blows. Her actions helped save his life and the two became friends.

② Which character trait is shown?

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Harriet Tubman escaped from her slave owner's plantation and headed north to freedom. Although she was free, she wanted to help others obtain freedom too. In the next ten years, she made 19 trips to the south. She helped over 300 slaves escape slavery through the Underground Railroad.

③ Which character trait is shown?

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Helen Keller had a high fever when she was a baby and it caused her to become deaf and blind. Even though she faced challenges, Keller was able to graduate from college, write a book, and travel around the country making speeches about overcoming difficulties.

④ Which character trait is shown?

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Jackie Robinson was a star athlete, during a time when African Americans were treated unfairly. When Robinson was asked to play on an all white team, he knew people would call him names, insult him, and make threats against him. Robinson agreed to join the team and went on to become the Rookie of the Year and the National League's Most Valuable Player.

Which character trait is shown?

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When George Washington was twenty one, he became a soldier in the French Indian War. Even at his young age, soldiers listened to him. He was soon promoted to major and then colonel in the British Army. Later, when the thirteen colonies wanted freedom from England, Washington was chosen to be their general.

Which character trait is shown?

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Dian Fossey travelled to Africa to study mountain gorillas and to help this endangered species. She lived there for many years and gained the trust of the gorillas with which she worked. When her favorite gorilla was killed by poachers, she set up a fund to raise money to protect the gorillas.

Which character trait is shown?

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Thomas Edison holds the record for the most inventions (1,093) to receive a patent (legal protection from being copied). He invented a vote counting machine, a stock market machine, and the phonograph. Then, he improved the light bulb. After hundreds of experiments, he created a light bulb that could last for hours.

Which character trait is shown?

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Elizabeth Cady Stanton lived at a time when women did not have the same rights that men had. Stanton believed this was wrong and organized the first women's convention in Seneca Falls, New York. She worked nonstop for several decades, trying to convince lawmakers to give women the right to vote.

Which character trait is shown?

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When Abraham Lincoln was twenty one, he worked in a general store. One day, he accidentally charged a woman six cents too much for tea. He felt terrible about the mistake and wanted to make it right, so he walked six miles to return her money.

Which character trait is shown?

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Deborah Sampson wanted to help the colonists win the war against Britain. Back then, women were not allowed to fight, so Sampson disguised herself as a man and joined the Patriot's Army. She even dug a musket ball out of her thigh, to avoid being discovered.

Which character trait is shown?

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Martin Luther King, Jr. lived when African Americans were not treated equally. After Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus, King organized a bus boycott. He marched and gave speeches to end unfair laws. Even though his home was bombed, he continued to fight peacefully for freedom.

Which character trait is shown?

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List Of Character Traits

Absent-minded

Accepting

Adventurous

Ambitious

Arrogant

Athletic

Authentic

Awkward

Boastful

Bold

Bossy

Brave

Bright

Busy

Calm

Carefree

Careful

Careless

Caring

Cautious

Charming

Cheerful

Clever

Clumsy

Compassionate

Complex

Conceited

Confident

Confused

Considerate

Content

Cooperative

Courageous

Cowardly

Creative

Cruel

Curious

Daring

Demanding

Dependable

Determined

Devout

Disagreeable

Dreamer

Dull

Eager

Energetic

Fair

Fearful

Fierce

Fighter

Flexible

Forgetful

Forgiving

Friendly

Fun-loving

Funny

Fussy

Generous

Gentle

Giving

Gloomy

Greedy

Grouchy

Gullible

Happy

Hard-working

Helpful

Honest

Hopeful

Humble

Humorous

Imaginative

Independent

Intelligent

Inventive

Jealous

Jolly

Joyful

Judgmental

Kind

Knowledgeable

Lazy

Leader

Light-hearted

Likeable

Loud

Lovable

Loving

Loyal

Manipulative

Mannerly

Materialistic

Mature

Mean

Messy

Mischievous

Nagging

Naive

Neat

Nervous

Obedient

Obnoxious

Organized

Outgoing

Outspoken

Patient

Personable

Playful

Pleasant

Polite

Prim

Proud

Quarrelsome

Quick-tempered

Quiet

Reasonable

Rebellious

Reckless

Relaxed

Religious

Resourceful

Respectful

Responsible

Restless

Rigid

Rude

Sad

Sarcastic

Self-centered

Self-confident

Self-conscious

Selfish

Sensible

Sensitive

Serious

Shrewd

Shy

Silly

Sneaky

Soft-hearted

Spunky

Stern

Stingy

Stubborn

Studious

Superstitious

Suspicious

Talkative

Thoughtful

Timid

Tireless

Tolerant

Tough

Trusting

Understanding

Unkind

Unselfish

Vain

Warm

Wild

Wise

Witty

Zany

FAMOUS AMERICANS: Character Traits RECORD SHEET

Name: _____

Read the task card and identify the character trait(s) shown. Here are a few character traits to choose from or you can think of your own:

Adventurous Brave Caring Clever Compassionate Confident
Creative Curious Daring Dependable Determined Fair
Generous Gentle Hard-working Helpful Honest Imaginative
Intelligent Inventive Kind Leader Outspoken Perseverance
Resourceful Respectful Responsible Self-confident Unselfish

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PREVIEW

FAMOUS AMERICANS: Character Traits

ANSWER KEY - ANSWERS MAY VARY

1. Ben Franklin: creative, intelligent, inventive
2. Pocahontas: brave, caring, daring
3. Harriet Tubman: brave, determined, caring, unselfish
4. Helen Keller: determined, strong, perseverance
5. Jackie Robinson: brave, strong, perseverance
6. George Washington: leader, strong
7. Dian Fossey: caring, determined, brave
8. Thomas Edison: hard-working, intelligent, inventive
9. Elizabeth Cady Stanton: determined, outspoken, perseverance
10. Abraham Lincoln: honest, caring
11. Deborah Sampson: strong, brave, daring
12. Martin Luther King, Jr.: strong, brave, determined, fair
13. George Washington Carver: intelligent, inventive, determined
14. Sally Ride: intelligent, hard-working
15. Amelia Earhart: determined, brave
16. Walt Disney: creative, inventive

17. Rachel Carson: caring, hard-working, intelligent
18. Paul Revere: brave, daring, determined
19. Sacagawea: helpful, knowledgeable
20. Neil Armstrong: brave, knowledgeable, daring
21. Florence Nightingale: strong, independent, caring
22. Jonas Salk: intelligent, determined, perseverance
23. Squanto: helpful, kind, knowledgeable
24. Rosa Parks: caring, unselfish
25. Abigail Adams: independent, strong, fair
26. Cesar Chavez: fair, leader, outspoken, determined
27. Samuel Adams: fair, independent, caring respectful
28. Sybil Ludington: brave, strong, daring
29. Milton Hershey: caring, generous, kind
30. Eleanor Roosevelt: caring, unselfish
31. Susan B. Anthony: fair, determined, outspoken, perseverance
32. John D. Rockefeller: generous, caring