

Be Your Own Historian!

Grade level:

Intermediate

Goals:

To develop research skills necessary in social studies.
To appreciate qualities in a friend.

Objectives:

To use research skills.
To report research findings to class.
To consider qualities needed in a good friend.

Activity:

Form random groups of 4-5 people. Each group will be assigned an "Uncommon Friend" to research. As "Historians," each group will need to find out as much as they can about their "Uncommon Friend." (This information can be found in an encyclopedia or book.) Have the groups find information such as awards or honors received, accomplishments, occupations, or inventions.

When students have finished research, have them write out the person's accomplishments on a large sheet of paper to hang in classroom.

After board work is done have each group tell class about their "Friend." The teacher will ask the class the following questions after the presentations. Write answers on board or overhead:

1. What are some qualities all of these people share?
2. Do you think you could describe each of these people in one word?
3. Are these qualities the same ones that you would want in a friend? Why?

