

Character Education Vocabulary

Caring

Grade Six

caring [feeling concern, showing interest]

exemplified [served as an example of]

neglected [passed over]

philanthropy [giving time, talent, or treasure or taking action for the common good]

selflessness [putting others' needs before one's own]

Grade Seven

enlightened self-interest [sacrificing time and resources to the benefit of the whole, which, in turn, benefits self; what is good for the community is good for me]

gratitude [thankfulness]

philanthropic passion [causes or social issues one cares enough about to take action for]

philanthropists [people who give their time, talent, or treasure and take action for the common good]

pro-social behavior [acting in ways that benefit others]

serial reciprocity [when one person gives to another, by means of time, talent or treasure, and causes a continual chain of giving to occur in a linear pattern]

Grade Eight

altruism [selfless concern for the welfare of others]

enlightened self-interest [sacrificing time and resources to the benefit of the whole, which, in turn, benefits self; what is good for the community is good for me]

empathy: [identification with and understanding of the feelings of another person]

selflessness: [putting others' needs before one's own]

Courage

Grade Six

acrostic [a poem using the letters of a word as the first letter of each line of the poem]

courage [bravery; the ability to confront fear or uncertainty]

everyday hero [a not-famous person who uses courage to make a difference for the sake of another]



Grade Seven

courage [bravery; the ability to confront fear or uncertainty]

persevered [stuck with it]

Grade Eight

courage [bravery; the ability to confront fear or uncertainty]

SWOT analysis [Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats]

Fairness

Grade Six

barriers [*something that gets in the way and separates*]

bias [personal judgment; a way we think about things that is formed by our experience]

compromise [*to come to agreement with both sides giving a little*]

conflict [a competitive action between two people of different viewpoints]

equal [same amount or number as another]

fairness [just and equitable manner]

favoritism [*showing special treatment*]

global [involving the entire world]

impartiality [treating equal people equally]

intolerance [unwilling to allow another point of view]

issues [a matter in dispute]

judgment [an opinion]

open-minded [willing to listen to opposing side]

partial [*favoring one over another*]

perspective [point of view]

prejudice [a judgment formed about a person or group without enough knowledge]

privilege [*a right granted as a benefit*]

progress [amount of forward movement]

resolution [conflict is answered or solved]

reward [*something given in return for a desired behavior*]

Grade Seven



boycott [refusal to have dealings until acceptable practices are enforced]
Civil Rights Movement [actions taken between 1955 and 1968 to outlaw racial discrimination]
compromise [*to come to agreement with both sides giving a little*]
conscience [a feeling of obligation to do what is good and right]
cultivate [prepare for growing, as in a garden]
equal [same amount or number as another]
expediency [practical; suitable for the situation]
fairness [**just and equitable manner**]
favoritism [*showing special treatment*]
inequitable [unfair, not equal]
judgment [an opinion]
philanthropy [**giving time, talent, and/or treasure or taking action for the common good**]
politic [wise and tactful for making a decision]
prejudice [a judgment formed about a person or group without enough knowledge]
segregation [separation of a group for different treatment]
unconstitutional [not adhering to the rights guaranteed in the Constitution]
vanity [excessive focus on self and one's appearance]

Grade Eight

artisan [a skilled manual laborer who makes products that are functional and/or decorative]
common good [promoting the welfare of the community; for the benefit of all]
copyright [exclusive legal right to reproduce, publish, sell, or distribute the matter and form of something]
developing countries [countries with low levels of material well-being]
equitable [equal treatment of all concerned]
fair [achieving a proper balance of conflicting interests; a fair decision]
fairness [**just and equitable manner**]
fair trade [*an organized movement that helps producers in developing countries get better trading conditions*]
fair use [a legal doctrine that allows, with restrictions, portions of copyrighted materials to be used without permission of the copyright owner]
global [involving the entire world]



justice [exact following of a standard of what is right and proper; a just settlement of territorial claims]

metaphor [comparing two unlike objects to enhance meaning, as in "clouds are like cotton candy"]

producers [workers creating a product; farmers, workers, and artists]

retail stores [stores that sell directly to consumers]

Honesty

Grade Six

civic virtue [positive behavior that supports group well-being]

honesty [fairness and straightforwardness in conduct]

ironic [opposite to apparent meaning; used to emphasize a point]

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common good [promoting the welfare of the community; for the benefit of all]

ethical decision-making [using a set of morals/values when problem-solving]

Grade Eight

eschew obfuscation [avoid purposely concealing the meaning of the communication]

fabrication [something that is made up or created]

honesty [fairness and straightforwardness in conduct]

omission [something left out]

responsibility [following tasks to completion and being dependable for doing what you say you will do]

sarcasm [ironic wit intended to cut down or point out inconsistency]

Integrity

Grade Six

apartheid [a policy of segregation and political and economic discrimination against those of non-European backgrounds]

integrity [knowing and doing what's right; true to yourself and others]

principles [code of conduct]

values [what is believed to be right; the basis for ethical action]



Grade Seven

colonial government [governing body run by the local colony, not the sovereign power; that is, Virginia's government, not England's]

colony [a group of people living in a new territory with ties to the parent country, i.e., Virginia before the Declaration of Independence]

imperial authority [governed by the king of England]

integrity [knowing and doing what's right; true to yourself and others]

obstacles [*something that gets in the way and blocks advancement*]

parson [minister of the Anglican church]

overruled [set aside; didn't enforce the judgment]

resolutions [formal statements of intent voted on by a political body]

Grade Eight

abolitionist [anti-slavery activist]

integrity [knowing and doing what's right; true to yourself and others]

philanthropy [giving time, talent, or treasure or taking action for the common good]

suffrage [right to vote]

Perseverance

Grade Six

boycott [refusal to have dealings until acceptable practices are enforced]

buyer's remorse [regretting a purchase after the fact]

Civil Rights Movement [actions taken between 1955 and 1968 to outlaw racial discrimination]

goal [the end point to which efforts are directed]

impulse spending [buying without considering the benefits and consequences]

incentives [perceived benefits and costs that we consider when making any economic decision]

legacy [something passed on from the past]

long-term goals [plans for doing something in more than three year's time]

opportunity cost [what option you give up when you act on a decision]

perseverance [to persist, even in the face of discouragement; putting forth maximum effort to always do the best you can]

resolutions [firm decisions to act on a specific goal]

short-term goals [plans for doing something in less than a year's time]



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barriers [*something that gets in the way and separates*]

goal [the end point to which efforts are directed]

obstacles [*something that gets in the way and blocks advancement*]

perseverance [to persist, even in the face of discouragement; putting forth maximum effort to always do the best you can]

persistence [*continuing without change for a long period*]

personal best [your best effort based on your ability and opportunity]

Grade Eight

excuse [a reason not to do something]

perseverance [to persist, even in the face of discouragement; putting forth maximum effort to always do the best you can]

obstacles [something that gets in the way and blocks advancement]

Respect

Grade Six

antidotes [a remedy that counteracts]

bias [personal judgment; a way we think about things that is formed by our experience]

prejudice [a judgment formed about a person or group without enough knowledge]

respect [showing regard or esteem for]

sarcastic [ironic wit intended to cut down or point out inconsistency]

self-respect [respect applied to one's self]

stereotype [an oversimplified opinion formed by associating people with a group]

racism [belief that racial differences determine superiority]

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feasible [capable to carry out]

implement [carry out]

respect [showing regard or esteem for]

Grade Eight

bias [personal judgment; a way we think about things that is formed by our experience]

discrimination [action or treatment based on prejudice, or a preconceived opinion]



diversity [variety; including people of different cultures or races]
exclusion [the act of leaving out]
inclusion [the act of welcoming in]
minorities [a part of a population that is different from others in some way]
pluralism [a society in which diverse people participate]
prejudice [a judgment formed about a person or group without enough knowledge]
racism [belief that racial differences determine superiority]
sensitivity [awareness of the needs of others]
stereotype [an oversimplified opinion formed by associating people with a group]
tolerance [openness and acceptance of different views]

Responsibility

Grade Six

assumed [taken upon oneself without needing to be told]
cholera [disease caused by bacteria in the intestines, usually from polluted water]
responsibility [following tasks to completion and being dependable for doing what you say you will do]

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civic responsibility [a sense of responsibility toward the community]
common good [promoting the welfare of the community; for the benefit of all]
consequences [conclusions following specific actions]
dependability [reliability; can be counted on to follow through]
determination [commitment to get it done]
nepotism [favoritism shown to relatives]
perspective [viewpoint]
responsibility [following tasks to completion and being dependable for doing what you say you will do]
values [what is believed to be right; the basis for ethical action]

Grade Eight

character [the ethical traits of a person]
civic responsibility [a sense of responsibility toward the community]
common good [promoting the welfare of the community; for the benefit of all]



consequences [conclusions following specific actions]

debate [formal structure for arguing two sides of an issue]

dependability [reliability; can be counted on to follow through]

Emancipation Proclamation [document declaring freedom of slaves]

perspective [viewpoint]

solidarity [unity]

responsibility [following tasks to completion and being dependable for doing what you say you will do]

Union [the states joined into one body of shared government]

Self-Discipline

Grade Six

discipline [training to act according to rules]

perseverance [the ability to continue with a task or plan, even when you want to quit]

self-control [restraint of oneself or ones actions, such as managing anger]

self-motivation [will power or initiative to begin or continue a task or activity without prodding or supervision, such as physical training]

will power [the ability to begin or continue on a plan or course of action]

Grade Seven

apprentice [somebody trained by a skilled professional]

commitment [determination to get something done, or to a person]

common good [promoting the welfare of the community; for the benefit of all]

delayed gratification [to put off immediate reward to pursue a longer term goal]

discipline [training to act according to rules]

goal [the end point to which efforts are directed]

impulse control [the ability to think before acting]

integrity [knowing and doing what's right; true to yourself and others]

maturity [being fully developed in body and mind, adult]

perseverance [to persist, even in the face of discouragement; putting forth maximum effort to always do the best you can]

patience [ability or willingness to suppress restlessness or annoyance when confronted with delay]

self-control [restraint of oneself or ones actions, ie. anger]



self-denial [restraining one's own wants or desires]

self-discipline [acting according to how you think rather than how you feel in the moment]

self-motivation [ability to start or continue a task or activity without another's prodding or supervision]

self-talk [anything said to oneself for encouragement or motivation; a person's internal mental conversations]

willpower [the ability to begin or continue on a plan or course of action]

Grade Eight

commitment [determination to get something done; loyalty to a person or thing]

delayed gratification [to put off immediate reward to pursue a longer term goal]

discipline [training to act according to rules]

goal [the end point to which efforts are directed]

impulse control [the ability to think before acting]

integrity [knowing and doing what's right; true to yourself and others]

patience [ability or willingness to suppress restlessness or annoyance when confronted with delay]

perseverance [to persist, even in the face of discouragement; putting forth maximum effort to always do the best you can]

persistence [continuing without change for a long period]

philanthropist [a person who gives their time, talent and/or treasure for the common good].

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Trustworthiness

Grade Six

acrostic [a poem structured by a word written vertically; each line begins with one of the letters of the original word]

empathy [identification with and understanding of the feelings of another person]



misunderstanding [a failure to understand]

promise [a statement of commitment to do or not do something specific]

social capital [like a bank account of positive feelings invested with others]

trust capital [many positive experiences with a friend (like doing what you say you'll do) build trust over time and cannot easily be undermined]

trustworthiness [dependability; keeping a promise, or doing what you say you'll do]

Grade Seven

character [the ethical traits of a person]

honesty [fairness and straightforwardness in conduct]

loyalty [supports with faithfulness a person or cause]

metaphor or **simile** [comparing two unlike objects to enhance meaning, as in "clouds are like cotton candy"]

reputation [a good name; a quality of character as judged by other people in general]

trustworthiness [dependability; keeping a promise, or doing what you say you'll do]

Grade Eight

advocacy [to write or speak or act in favor of a person or ideal]

bias [personal judgment; a way we think about things that is formed by our experience]

charitable [related to giving to the needy]

community [a group with common interests and likes, or a group of people living in the same area with shared resources]

endorsement [public support for]

exploitation [making use of something for your own advantage]

honesty [fairness and straightforwardness in conduct]

judgment [an opinion]

loyalty [supports with faithfulness a person or cause]

misunderstanding [a failure to understand]

philanthropic [giving for the common good]

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reliable [dependable]

reputation [a good name; a quality of character as judged by other people in general]

trustworthiness [dependability; keeping a promise, or doing what you say you'll do]

