

Trait Detectives

Listen to facts about historical figures and connect their actions to character traits.

SS1CG1 "Describe how the historical figures in SS1H1a display positive character traits such as: fairness, respect for others, respect for the environment, courage, equality, tolerance, perseverance, and commitment."

NAME _____

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CHOOSE TRAIT _____

a	Fairness	Courage	Equality
b	Courage	Fairness	Equality
c	Commitment	Courage	Tolerance

2 CHOOSE PERSON _____

a	Franklin	Tubman	Carver
b	Franklin	Sacagawea	Jefferson
c	Tubman	Sacagawea	Carver

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt and all three choices aloud. Students circle one large word or name in each row. The sheet asks students to listen for how a historical figure's action shows a positive character trait.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CHOOSE TRAIT

SAY “I will read a fact about a person from history. Then I will read the three trait words. Which trait best fits the action? Circle it.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Harriet Tubman led enslaved people to freedom, even when it was dangerous. Read Fairness, Courage, Equality. Which trait did she show? Circle it.	Courage
b	Thomas Jefferson wrote that people should have the same rights. Read Courage, Fairness, Equality. Which trait fits this idea? Circle it.	Equality
c	Sacagawea traveled with Lewis and Clark and helped them on their long journey. Read Commitment, Courage, Tolerance. Which trait did she show? Circle it.	Commitment

PART 2 • CHOOSE PERSON

SAY “I will read a fact and name a character trait. Then I will read the three names. Which person fits the fact? Circle the name.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	This person taught farmers to rotate crops so the soil could stay healthy. This shows respect for the environment. Read Franklin, Tubman, Carver. Which person was it? Circle the name.	Carver
b	This person started a lending library so more people could borrow books. This shows fairness. Read Franklin, Sacagawea, Jefferson. Which person was it? Circle the name.	Franklin
c	This person helped Lewis and Clark communicate and travel during their journey. This shows respect for others and commitment. Read Tubman, Sacagawea, Carver. Which person was it? Circle the name.	Sacagawea

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Choose Trait: 1. Courage, 2. Equality, 3. Commitment. Choose Person: 1. Carver, respect for the environment, 2. Franklin, fairness, 3. Sacagawea, respect for others and commitment.