

HONESTY

DEFINITION: BEING TRUTHFUL, TRUSTWORTHY AND HONORABLE. HONESTY IS SAYING OR DOING WHAT IS TRUE.

RELATED WORDS: JUSTICE, TRUSTWORTHY, SINCERE, RELIABLE, INTEGRITY, FAIRNESS, DEPENDABILITY

Benchmarks:

- **TH.B.1** The student improvises, writes, and refines scripts based on heritage, imagination, literature, history, and personal experiences.
- **HE.B.3** The student knows how to use effective interpersonal communication skills that enhance health.
- **LA.A.1** The student will use the reading process effectively.
- **LA.B.1** The student will use the writing process effectively.
- **LA.C.1** The student will use listening strategies effectively.
- **LA.C.3** The student will use speaking strategies effectively.
- **LA.E.2** The student responds critically to fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama.
- **MA.E.1** The student understands and uses the tools of data analysis for managing information.

Famous People:

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| ● Abraham Lincoln -Statesman | ● George Washington -Statesman |
| ● William Shakespeare -Author | ● Siddhartha Gautama -Philosopher |
| ● Margaret Chase Smith -Senator | ● Aristotle -Philosopher |
| ● Mark Twain -Author | ● Mother Teresa -Humanitarian |
| ● Emily Dickinson -Poet | |

Activities:

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| ● Current Events | ● Songs |
| ● Role Playing | ● T-shirts designs |
| ● Bulletin Board | ● Bumper Stickers |
| ● Lists of dos and don'ts of honest behavior | ● "Honesty Garden" in public areas |
| ● Recognizing students who exhibit honest behavior | ● Puppet Show |
| ● Honesty collage | ● Write a children's story based on honesty |
| ● TV or radio advertisement | ● Portrait of an honest/dishonest person |
| | ● Characteristic T-chart |



Self Assessment

<http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/Honesty.html>

Suggested Readings

Elementary

<i>Pinocchio</i>	Hillert
<i>The Treasure</i>	Shulevitz
<i>Summer Wheels</i>	Bunting
<i>The Boy Who Cried Wolf</i>	Schechler
<i>Talking Eggs</i>	Souci
<i>The Berenstain Bears & the Truth</i>	Berenstain
<i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i>	Anderson
<i>Sam, Bangs, and Moonshine</i>	Ness
<i>The Boy Who Cried Wolf</i>	Lawrence
<i>Dragon's Robe</i>	Lattimore
<i>The Cybil War</i>	Byars
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lowry
<i>On My Honor</i>	Bauer
<i>The Big Lie</i>	Leitner

Secondary

<i>One Eyed Cat</i>	Fox
<i>Northanger Abby</i>	Austin
<i>Oliver Twist</i>	Dickens

Quotes:

- "The truth is always the strongest argument." **Sophocles**
- "If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything." **Mark Twain**
- "You must speak straight so that your words may go like sunlight to our hearts." **Cochise of the Apaches**
- "Truth is such a rare thing, it is delightful to tell it." **Emily Dickinson**
- "No legacy is so rich as honesty." **William Shakespeare**
- "When in doubt tell the truth." **Mark Twain**
- Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." **Thomas Jefferson**

Writing Prompts:

Expository:

Writing Situation:

A friend copies your homework paper. When the teacher asks if the paper belongs to you or your friend you feel torn in how to answer the teacher.

Directions for Writing:

- Think about what the consequences of telling the truth and lying will be.
- Write to explain how you will tell the truth to your teacher and why the truth is the best policy to follow.

Narrative:

Writing Situation:

Your best friend asks if you like her new dress. You and your friend share differing opinions on clothes. You prefer different styles.

Direction for Writing:

- Think about how your friend will feel if you tell her you do or do not like her new dress. "Honesty is the best policy."
- Write to tell if telling the truth is this always the best policy or not?

Persuasive:

Writing Situation:

You see a classmate take money from your teacher's drawer.

Directions for Writing:

- Think about the actions of taking the money from your teacher's drawer is dishonest.
- Write a persuasive essay to persuade your classmate to return the money to your teacher.

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