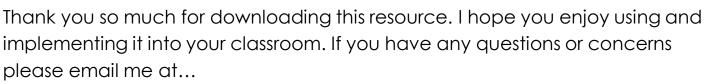


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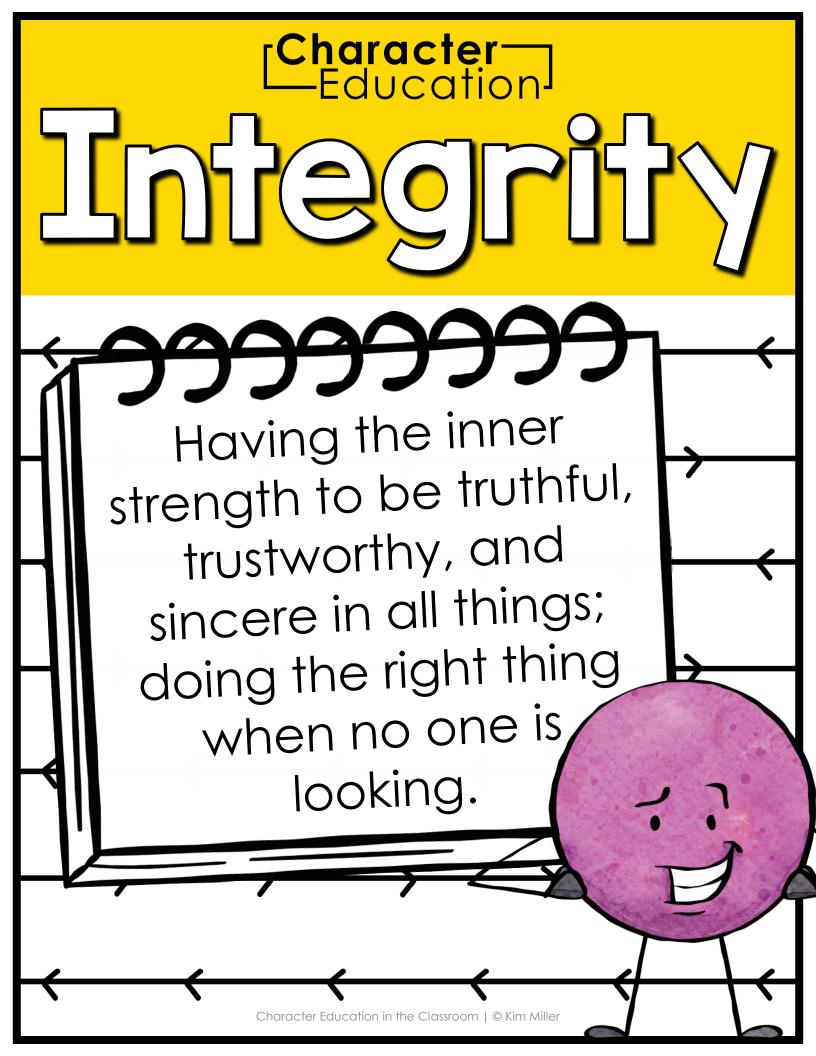
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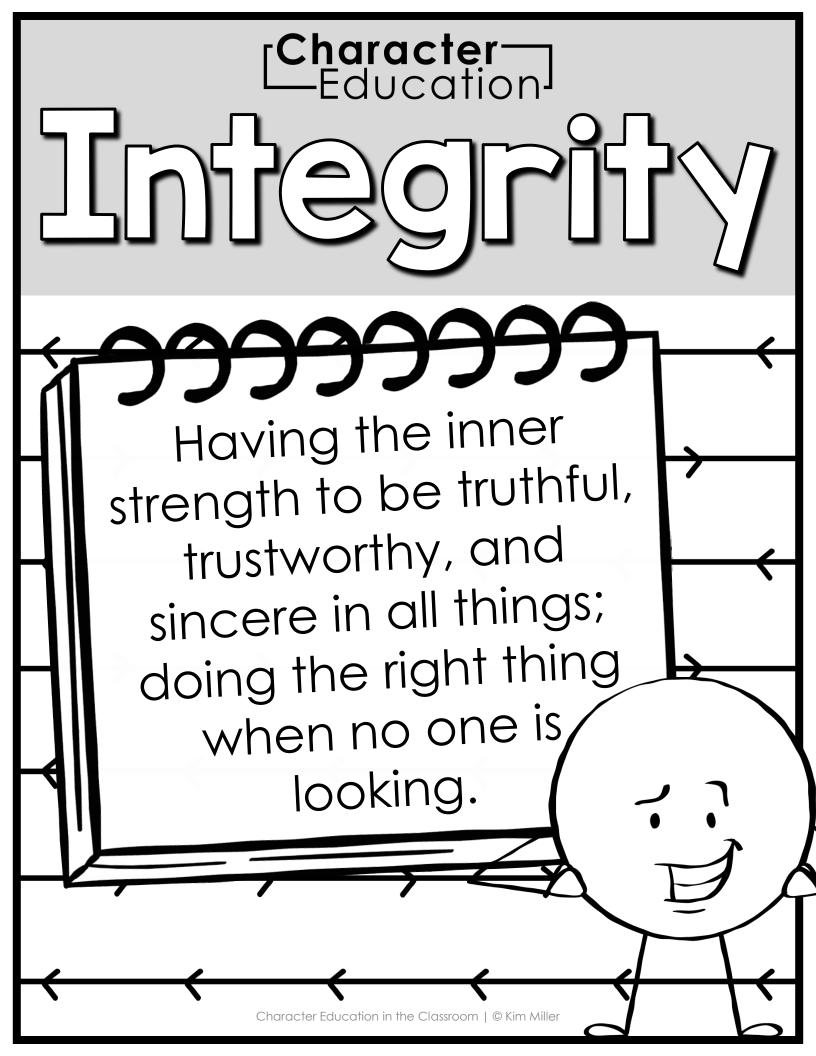
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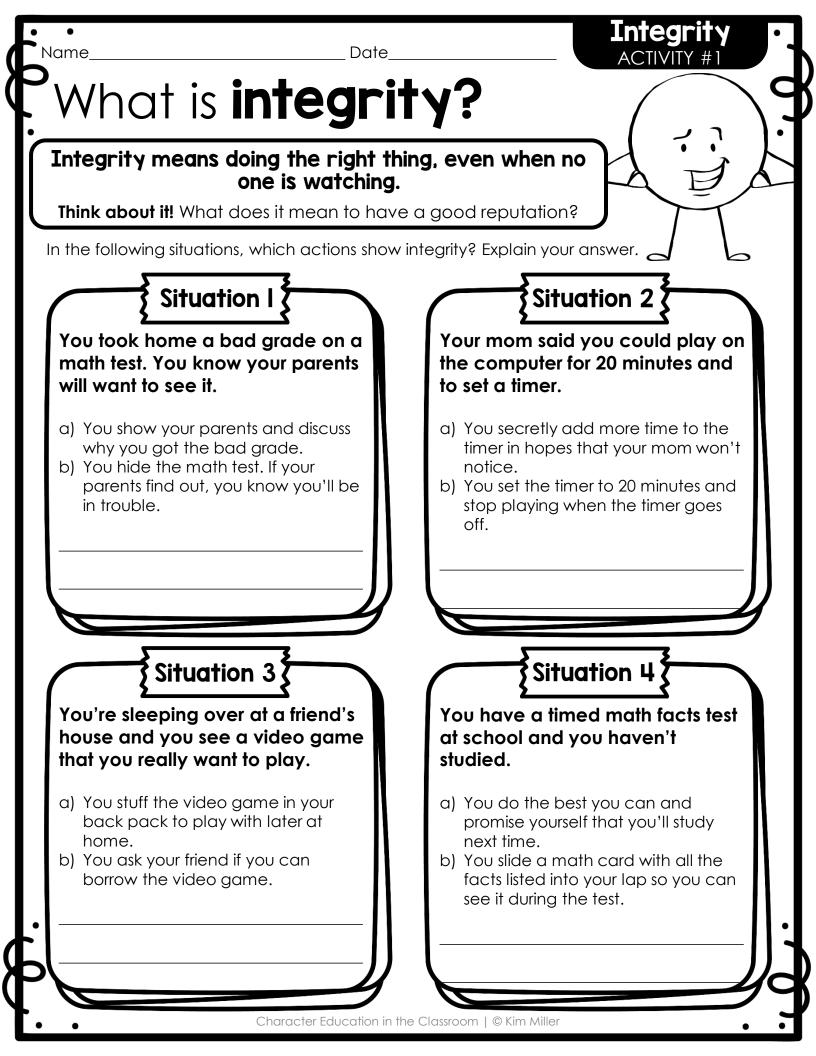
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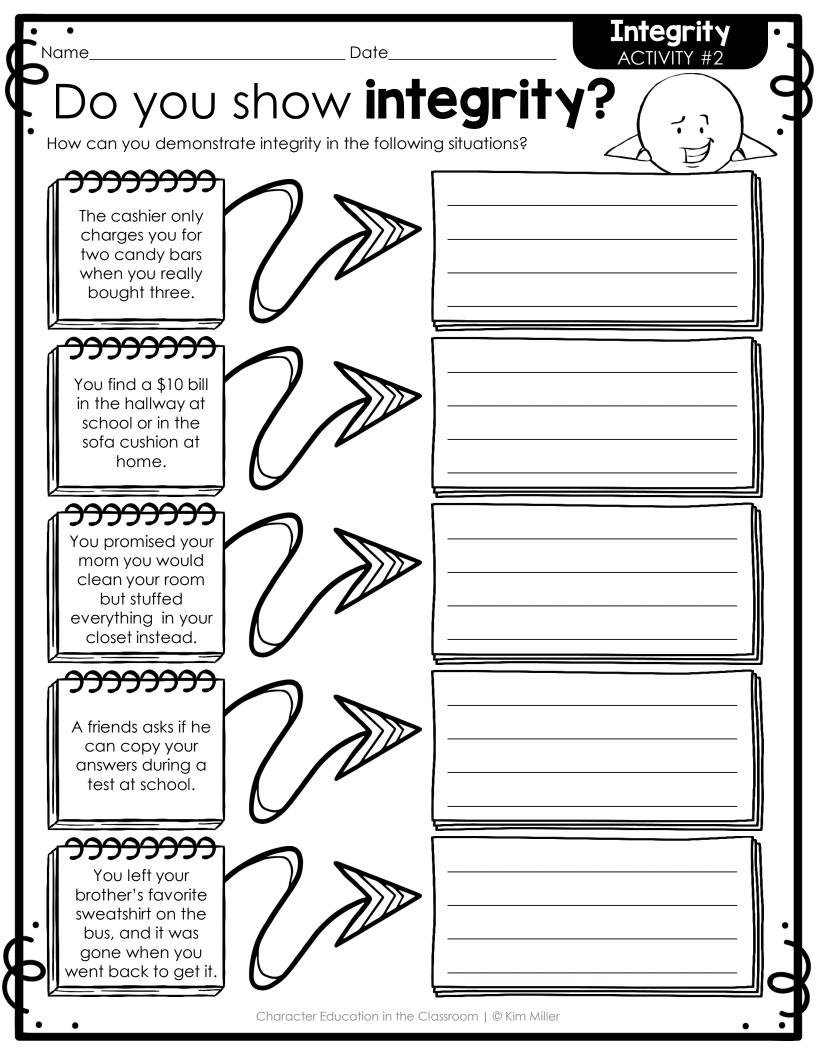
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# ACTIVITY #3

# Struggling with Integrity

# Samantha's Decision

It was Saturday and Samantha was enjoying a lazy afternoon looking through Instagram stories, searching for something interesting. Suddenly, something caught her eye. A girl in her class at school had posted a picture of herself and her adorable black poodle at the swimming pool. Samantha smiled when she saw the picture, but as she looked through the comments, she started giggling.

"Two pudgy puppies at the pool together," one read. The other comments followed the same line, joking about the girl's weight and comparing her to her dog. Without thinking too hard, Samantha thought of her own clever comment that she could add about her classmate's photo at the pool. "Two hot dogs!" she thought to herself, laughing.

However, as Samantha looked more carefully through the comments, she realized that she didn't know who any of them were from. "Could these comments have been made by my classmates?" she wondered. The names weren't the usual usernames of her friends and classmates. Yet, the comments seemed familiar and even used the girl's nickname. They must be secret accounts, Samantha decided. If she were to post her own comment, Samantha knew that she couldn't use her own username. The girl already knew Samantha's account name and would know that she had added to the mean comments.

While thinking about all of this, Samantha suddenly had a change of heart. While she and this girl weren't good friends, it wasn't right to post things like that about the picture. How would the girl feel about these comments? If it were her, Samantha wouldn't like it if other kids posted those sorts of things about her pictures.

So, she put her phone down and decided that the very next day, she would talk to the girl in the photo. Maybe she would need a new friend after this whole mess. With that decision, Samantha held on to her integrity and chose to do the right thing, even when no one was watching.

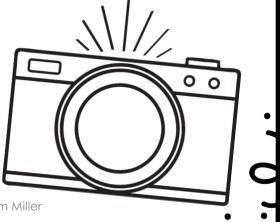
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# Samantha's Decision Comprehension Questions

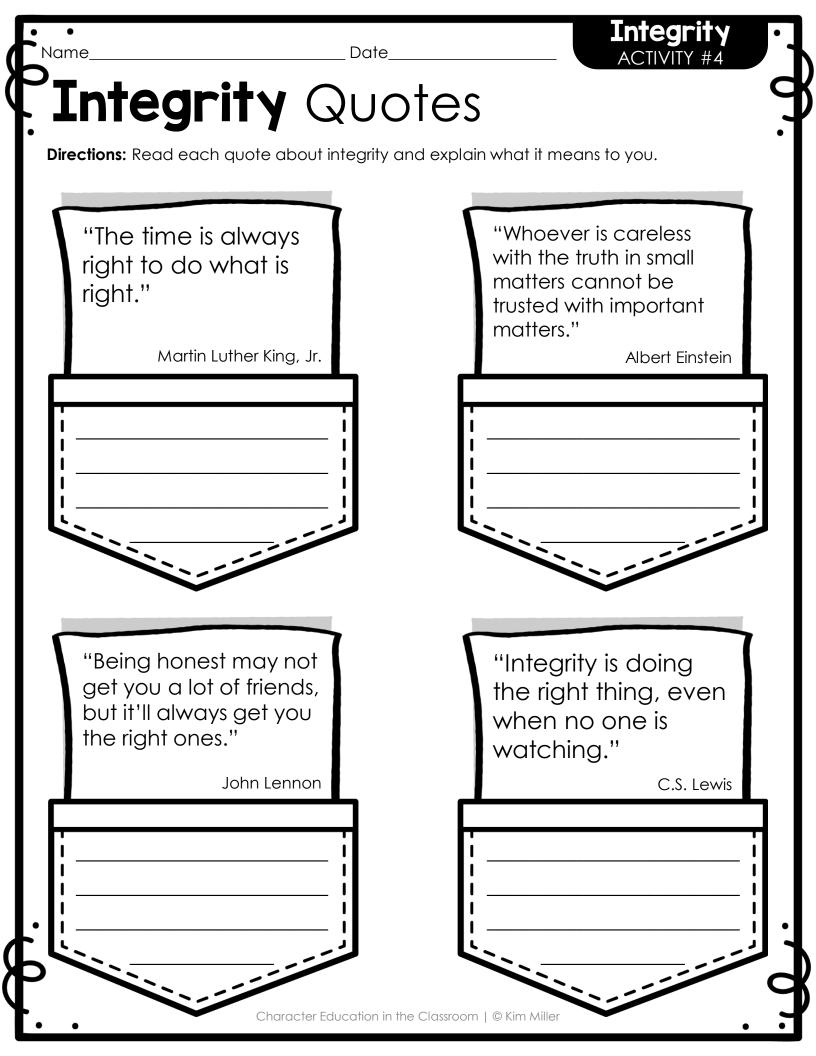
Directions: Answer the following questions about Samantha's Decision.

- 1. Which statement best describes what Samantha thought about her classmate's photo and comments when she first saw it on Instagram?
  - a) She thought the photo was funny, and the comments were sad.
  - b) She thought the photo was horrible, and she was disappointed in the comments.
  - c) She thought the photo was cute, and the comments were funny.
- 2. Based on clues given in paragraph #2, how do you know that Samantha wasn't thinking about her classmate's feelings?
  - a) She posted the comment, 'Two hot dogs!"
  - b) She thought of her own clever comment that she could add about the photo.
  - c) She realized she didn't know any of the people who were commenting on the photo.
- 3. What does Samantha realize as she looked through the comments people had made about the photo?
  - a) The comments were from secret accounts, and she didn't know who any of them were from.
  - b) The comments were from familiar accounts and even used her nickname.
  - c) The comments were made by fake accounts, but the names were familiar.
- 4. What reason does Samantha give for not posting a comment in paragraph 3?
  - a) She didn't have a secret account that she could use to add a mean comment.
  - b) She thought the comment would be hurtful to her classmate.
  - c) Her classmate knew her username and would know that she had added to the mean comments.

- 5. What made Samantha have a change of heart?
  - a) She remembered a time when someone posted a hurtful comment on one of her photos.
  - b) She knew it wasn't right to post a mean comment.
  - c) She didn't have time to make a secret account.
- 6. How do you know that Samantha knew it was wrong to post a mean a comment?
  - a) She thought about how her classmate must feel and how she would feel if this happened to her.
  - b) She wasn't good friends with the girl who had posted the photo.
  - c) She knew everyone would see her comment and know it came from her.
- 7. What can the reader infer about Samantha after reading the last paragraph?
  - a) She wasn't worried about her reputation.
  - b) She showed integrity and trust.
  - c) She was careless with her comment.
- 8. Which of the following statements best describe the moral or lesson in the story?
  - a) Do the right thing, even when no one is watching.
  - b) Being thoughtful will get you a lot of friends.
  - c) Do not attempt the impossible.



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• **Directions:** Choose at least 3 activities from the choice board to complete.

ACTIVITY #

**Integrity** CHOICE BOARD

#### Write a Story

Write about a time you have demonstrated integrity or a time someone you know has shown integrity. Describe the situation and include details about what happened. Then, add the moral of the story at the bottom.

### **Historical Biography**

Choose a famous historical figure who lived a life of integrity. Research his or her life, and write a biography about your chosen person. Explain what this person is known for and how he or she lived a life of integrity.

#### **Integrity Quote**

Create your own quote about integrity. Look back at Activity #4 for inspiration, or research quotes about integrity to get some ideas. Make sure you use your own words!

#### Scenario Challenge

Write about a scenario, or situation, that would involve the need to use integrity. Look back at Activity #2 for examples. Share your scenario with a friend and come up with at least 2 ways you could demonstrate integrity in the situation.

#### Write a Poem

Write a poem about integrity. It could be an acrostic poem, shape poem, haiku, limerick, or a rhyming poem.

#### **Honest Behaviors**

List the behaviors of someone who demonstrates integrity in a classroom, in a job, at home, in a sport, on social media, and in the community. What would the people in these categories need to do to show they are responsible, respectful, fair, trustworthy, and honest?

### Instagram 5

Come up with 5 people you respect and who you want to be proud of you. Keep these 5 people in mind when you post on Instagram (or any other social media platform). Before you post, think... what would these 5 people think about my post? Am I demonstrating integrity?

#### Make a Pledge!

Write a pledge to help you remember to be honest with yourself, with others, and to live a life of integrity. This is your pledge to always be truthful with your words and actions. **Character Profile** 

Create a profile of yourself that describes your character and your reputation with others. Use adjectives to describe your character. Then, describe the reputation you have with your family, friends, teachers, coaches, and on social media.

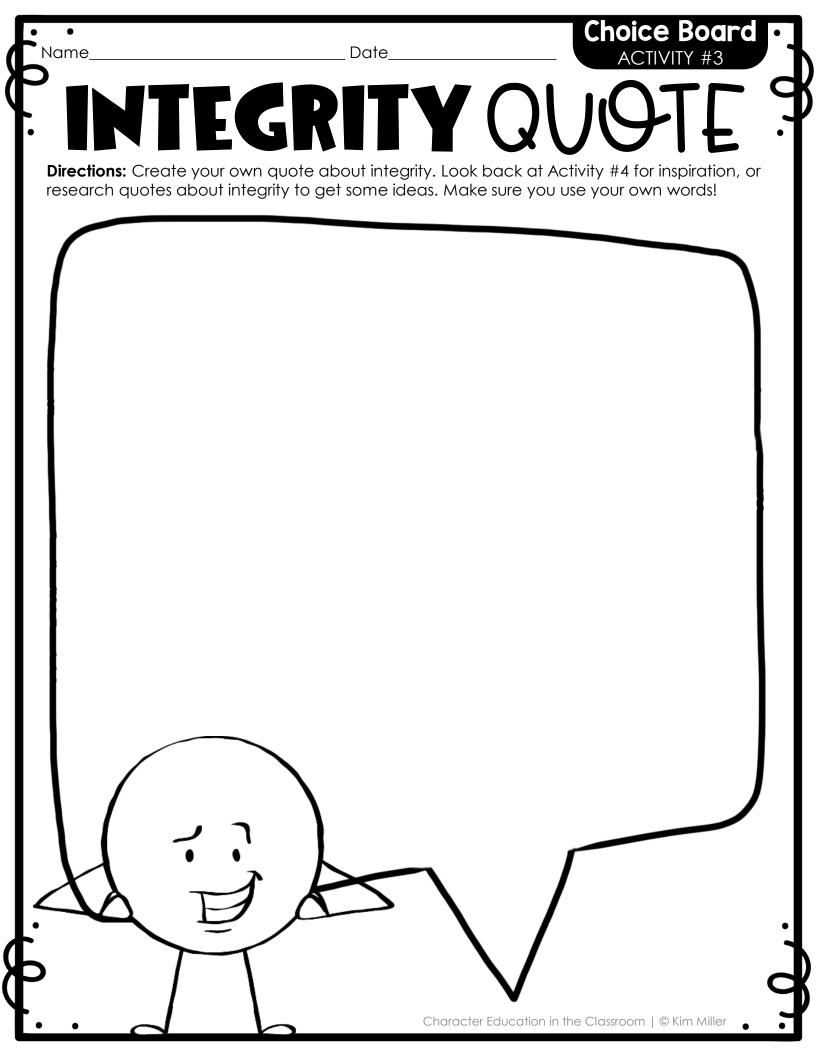
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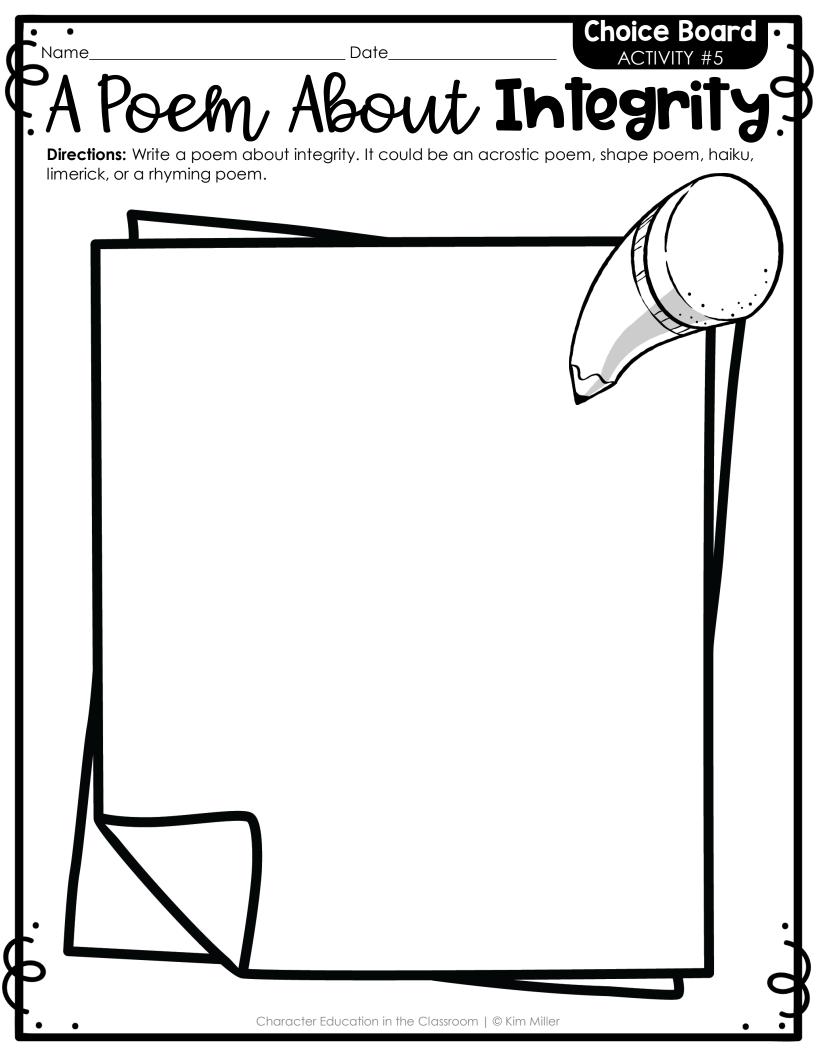
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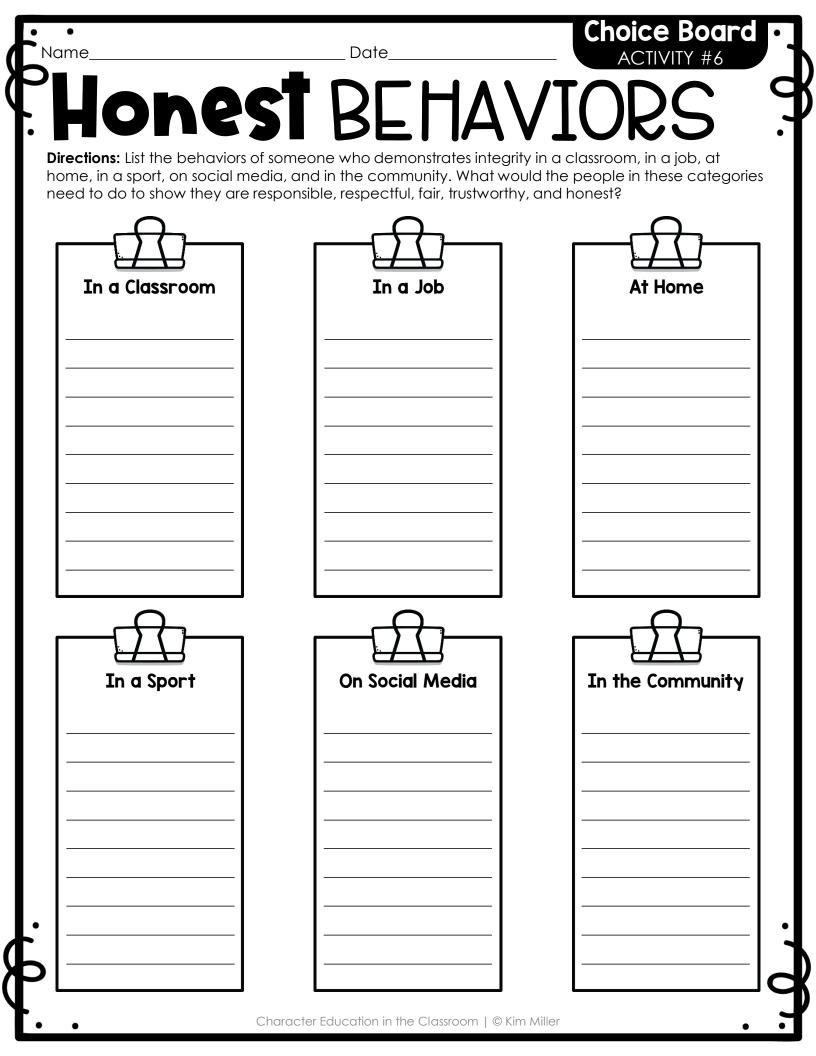
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INTEGRITY PLEDGE

**Choice Board** 

ACTIVITY #7

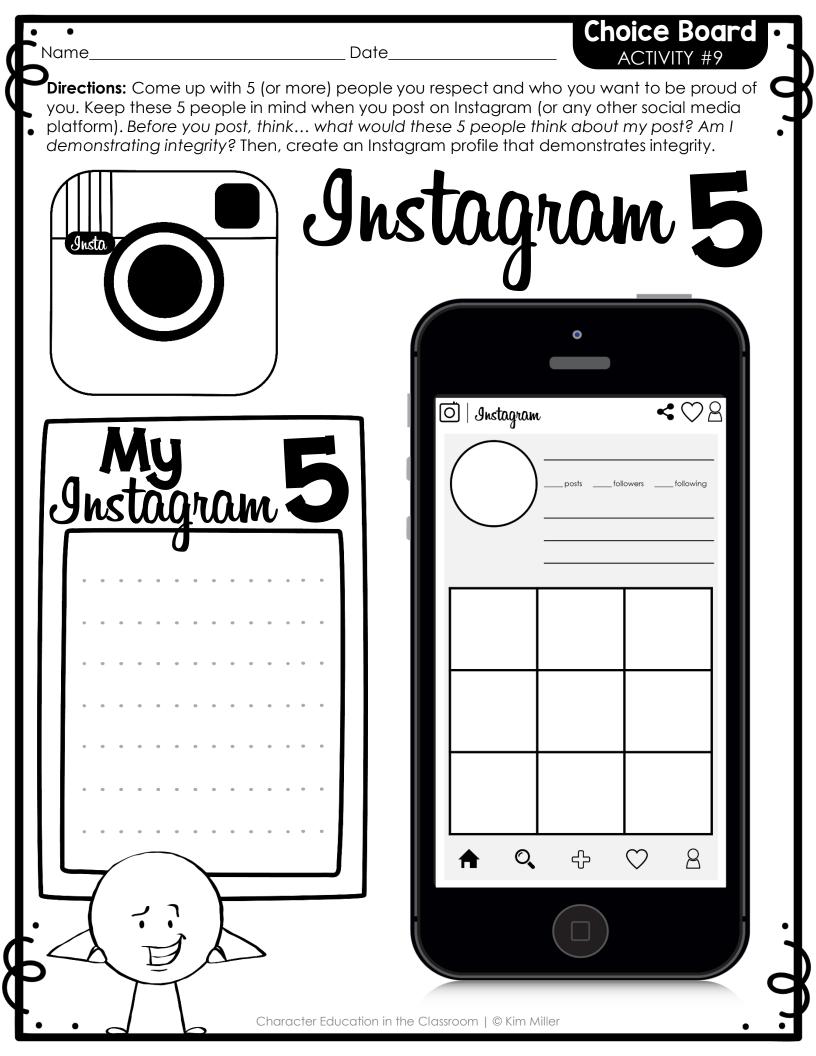
**Directions:** Write a pledge to help you remember to be honest with yourself, with others, and to live a life of integrity. This is your pledge to always be truthful with your words and actions.

Start your pledge with: I pledge to...

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## Samantha's Decision

Comprehension Questions

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