

*Ideas
for Teaching Character
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TRUSTWORTHY

Belief in the truthfulness and integrity of a person

Why Teach Trustworthiness?

- Critical for maintaining long term relationships
- Essential to sustained employment
- Helps students be successful in life

Quotes:

"Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him."

...Booker T. Washington

"Trust builds relationships,
Relationships build people."

...Duane Hodgkin

Check it out!

- <http://www2.grandforks.k12.nd.us/ms/iditarod/trustworthiness.htm>
- <http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/Trustworthiness.html>

"Those who shrink from responsibility keep on shrinking in other ways too."

...Anonymous

Lesson Ideas: Trustworthy

- Discuss situations in which students are tempted to be untrustworthy and have them role-play different responses.
- Using well-known sports or entertainment figures as examples, talk about how people get certain "reputations."
- Have students identify 5 people they consider trustworthy and what characteristics help them trust those people.
- For teens: Discuss the importance of trust in long-term relationships.