

*Ideas
for Teaching Character
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RESPONSIBLE

Obliged or expected to account for

Why Teach Responsibility?

- Helps students take charge of themselves and their supplies
- Enables students to identify tasks they are responsible for at home and school
- Helps students learn better as they assume responsibility for their assignments

Check it out!

- Questions related to character and responsibility:
<http://www.muhlenberg.edu/moyer/the.me.htm>
- Teaching responsibility with chores:
[http://www.practicalparent.org.uk/Teaching Responsibility With Chores.htm](http://www.practicalparent.org.uk/Teaching%20Responsibility%20With%20Chores.htm)

For more ideas on how to teach responsibility using fun classroom activities
<http://k-6educators.about.com/b/a/104389.htm>

Quotes:

“Every right has its responsibilities.”
...Lewis Schwellenbach

“Responsibility is the great developer.”
...Louis Brandei

“Responsibility is the price of greatness.”
...Winston Churchill

“Hold yourself responsible to a higher standard than anyone expects of you.”
...H.W. Beecher

Lesson Ideas: Responsibility

- Ask students to identify the responsibilities they would like to have as adults, then why?
- Discuss chores assigned at home. Should older children have more chores than younger children?
- Discuss what it means to be responsible for school supplies and lunch money.
- Have students list 5 things they would expect their students to be responsible for if they were teachers.