

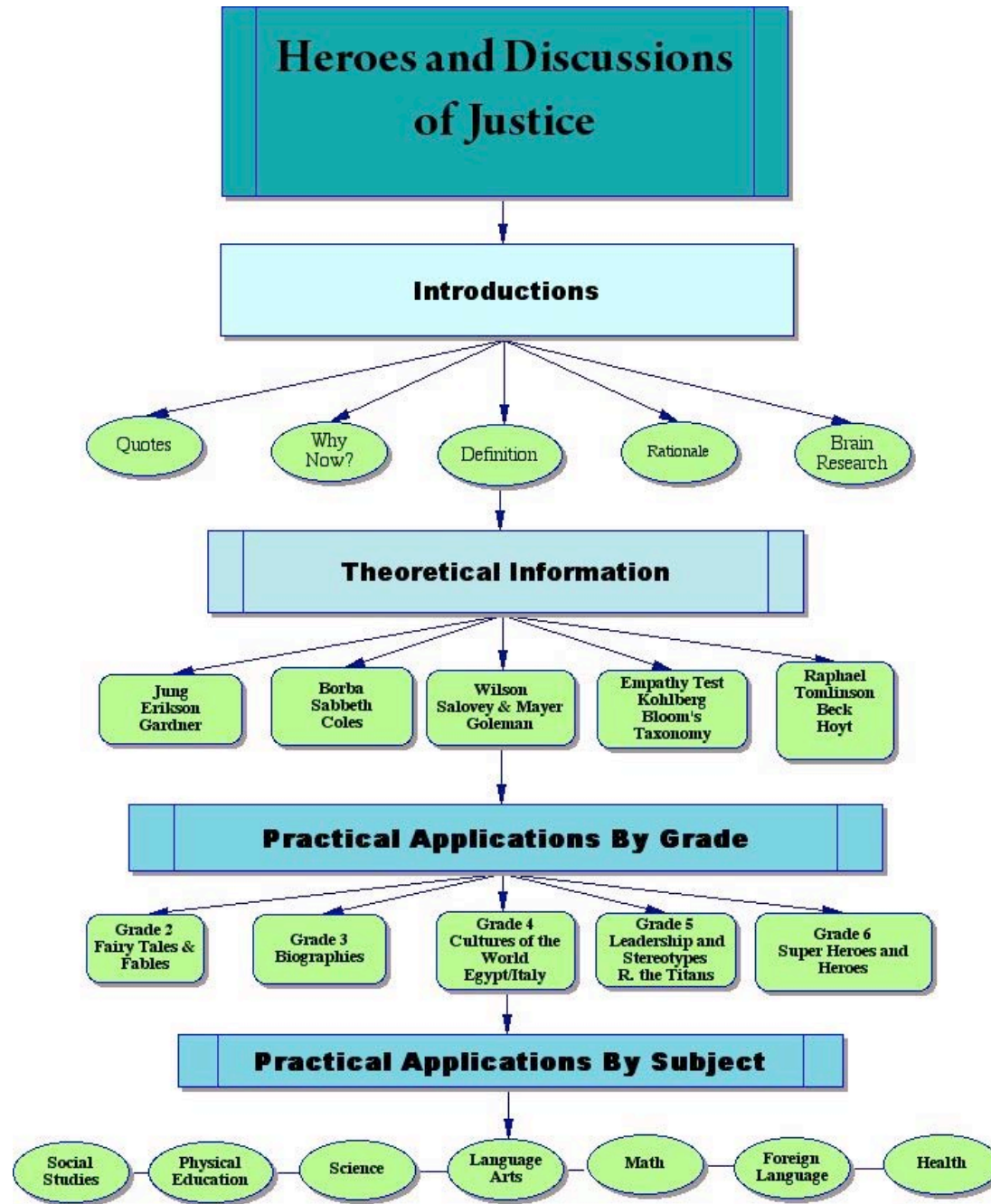
The Hero's Journey Toward Justice: Using Literature and Comprehension Techniques to Foster Discussions of Justice Grades 2-6

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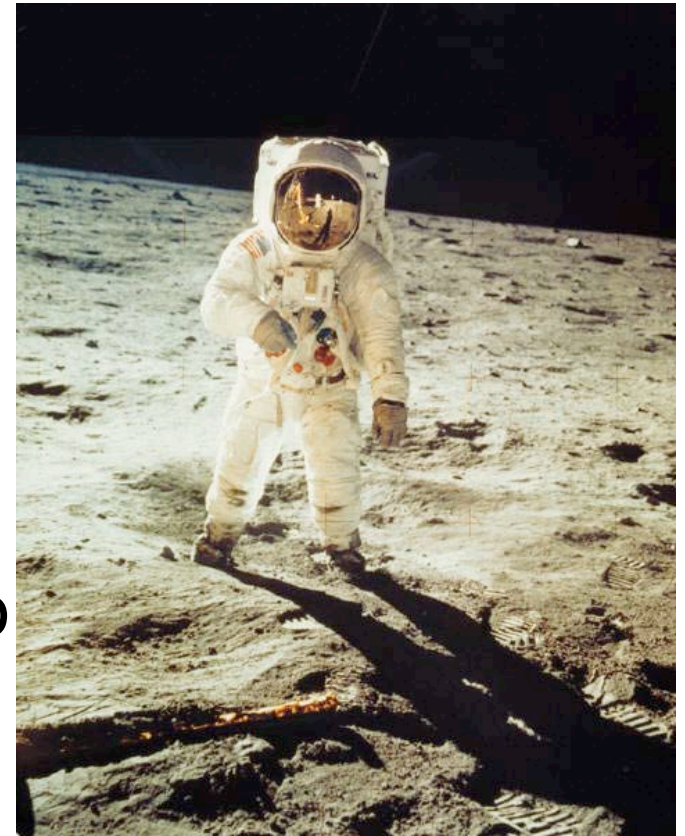
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Quotes on heroes

- “I believe it is the nature of people to be heroes, given the chance.” - James A. Autry
- “Nurture your minds with great thoughts. To believe in the heroic makes heroes.” - Benjamin Disraeli
- “A hero is simply someone who rises above his own human weaknesses, for an hour, a day, a year, to do something stirring.” - Betty Deramus



Quotes on Justice

- “Justice denied anywhere, diminishes justice everywhere.”- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- “Peace and justice are two sides of the same coin.”- Dwight D. Eisenhower



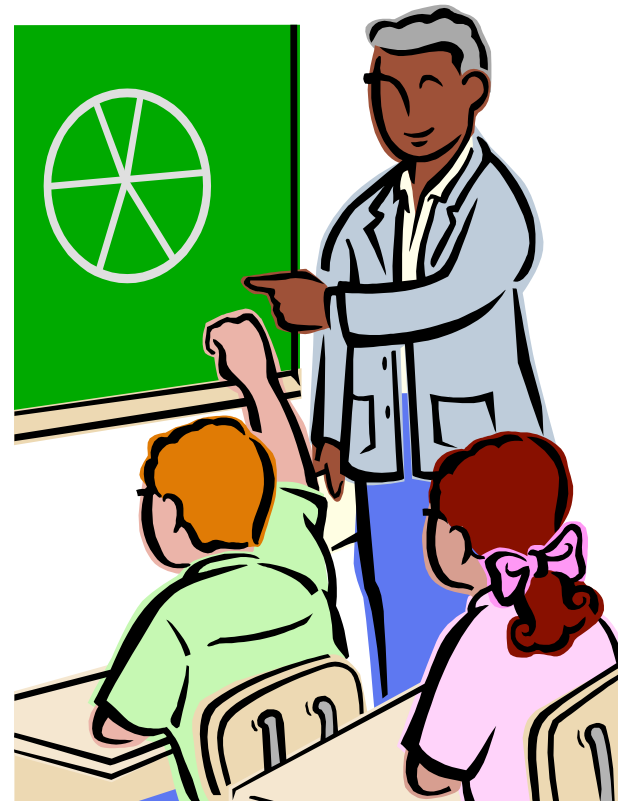
Rationale

- The Cheating Culture by David Callahan
- Heroes teach values of honesty, loyalty, kindness and justice
- Counteract adverse societal influences
- Foster these ideals in different ways

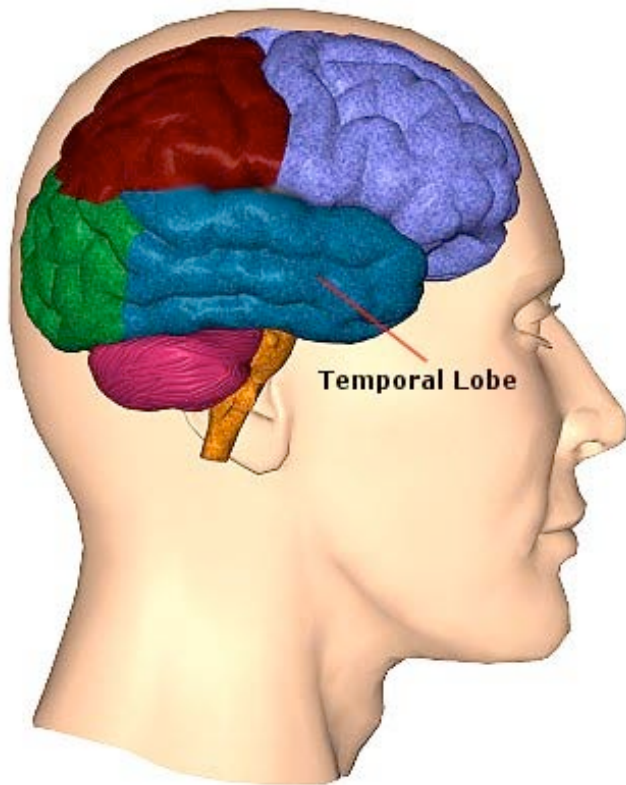


How do schools respond?

- Mission Statements
- Diversity Statements
- Civility Statements
- Honor Codes
- Ethics Classes
- Community Service
- Scholarship
- After-school Programs



Brain Power in Adolescents



Teens process information differently than adults

Frontal lobe (associated with executive function) not fully matured until young adulthood

Comprehension Strategies



- Bloom's Taxonomy
- Question Answer Response- Taffy Raphael
- Differentiated Learning – Carol Tomlinson
- Questioning the Author- Isabel Beck
- Revisit, Reflect, Retell- Linda Hoyt

What is the goal of these classes?

- Stimulate discussion
- Raise consciousness
- Enhance decision-making skills
- See different points of view
- Learn from mistakes
- Cause and effect
- Develop executive function
- Foster empathy

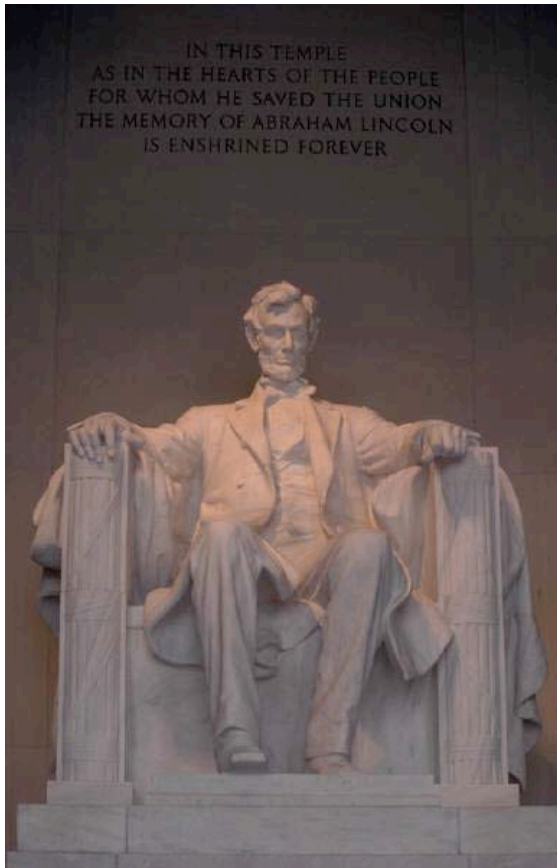


Application by Subject

- Literacy/Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education
- Health
- Math
- Foreign Languages



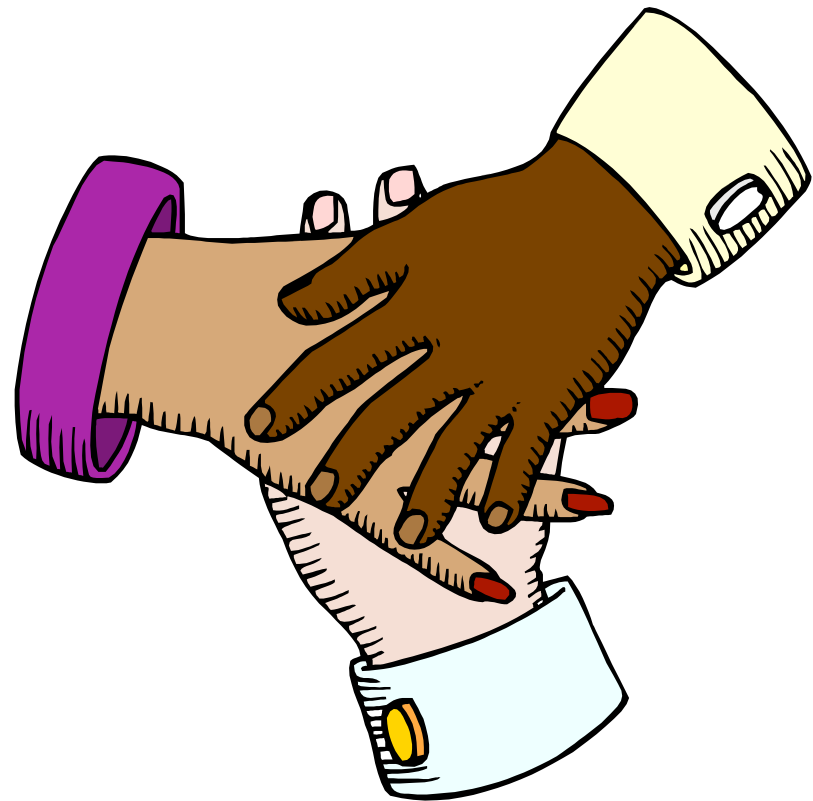
Units for Each Grade



- Grade 2 Fables and Fairy Tales
- Grade 3 Biographies
- Grade 4 Research on World Cultures
- Grade 5 Leadership and Stereotypes
- Grade 6 Heroes and Super Heroes

Conclusions

- *Story* helps retain message.
- Books and *discussions* foster empathy.
- Knowing appropriate developmental levels aid teacher in planning.
- Teacher serves as facilitator for dialogue and discussion.
- Hero is an ordinary person who does extraordinary things.
- We are all called to be heroes.



A more detailed power point presentation will be distributed at the conference along with handouts and a bibliography.