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September	Self-esteem	Responsibility Freedom Progress	Introduction/Overview of themes, focus traits, and biographies Phyllis Wheatley	http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/todayschild/charactered.htm Maestro, Betsy. (1996). <i>Coming to America: The Story of Immigration</i> . New York: Scholastic Inc. Welden, Amelie. (1999). <i>Girls Who Rocked the World: Heroines from Sacagawea to Sheryl Swoopes</i> . Milwaukee, MI: Gareth Stevens Pub. http://search.yahoo.com/bin/search?p=Wheatley%2C+Phyllis http://teacher.scholastic.com/tab/april/girlswhorock.htm www.kutztown.edu/faculty/reagan/wheat1.html www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/chronicle/diversity-phyllisw.html http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~rbear/wheatley.html

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			<p>..... Sojourner Truth</p>	<p>Richmond, M.A.. (1988). <i>Phyllis Wheatley</i>. NY: Chelsea House Publishers.</p> <p>Robinson, William H. (1975). <i>Phyllis Wheatley in Black American Beginnings</i>. Detroit: Broadside Press.</p> <p>..... (see Sojourner Truth resources – April)</p>

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September (cont.)	Self-esteem (cont.)	Responsibility Freedom Progress Unity (cont.)	Jesse Owens	<p>www.jesse-owens.org/about1.html</p> <p>Adler, David A., (1992). <i>A Picture Book of Jesse Owen</i>. New York: Holiday House.</p> <p>Owens, Jesse and Paul Niemark. (1970) <i>Open Letter to a Young Negro from BLACKTHINK</i>. William Morrow and Co.</p>

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October	Honesty	Responsibility Unity	Abraham Lincoln	<p data-bbox="1346 524 1904 646"> www.abrahamlincoln.cc/index.html www.worldbook.com/fun/tty/html/lincoln.html </p> <p data-bbox="1346 865 1904 987">Adler, David A. (1992). <i>A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln</i>. New York: Holiday House.</p> <p data-bbox="1346 1036 1904 1109">Borden, Louise. (2000). <i>Lincoln & Me</i>. New York: Scholastic.</p> <p data-bbox="1346 1157 1904 1279">Bruns, Roger. (1986) <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>. New York: Chelsea House Publishers.</p> <p data-bbox="1346 1328 1904 1450">D'Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar Parin. (1987). <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>. New York: Garden City.</p>

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				<p>Freedman, Russell. (1988). <i>Lincoln: A Photobiography</i>. New York: Scholastic.</p> <p>Holzer, Harold, ed. (1999) <i>Lincoln as I Knew Him: Gossip, Tributes and Revelations from His Best Friends and Worst Enemies</i>. New York: Algonquin Books.</p> <p>Humes, James. (1999). <i>The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln: A Treasury of Quotations, Anecdotes, and Observations</i>. Gramercy Press.</p>

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November	Respect	Freedom Unity Progress	First Thanksgiving in the colonies Sacagawea (Lewis and Clark expedition)	www.night.net/thanksgiving/first.html-ssi http://members.aol.com/calebj/massasoit.html MacMillan, Dianne M. (1997) <i>Thanksgiving Day.</i> Springfield, NJ: Enslow Pub. www.hanksville.org/daniel/misc/Lewis.Nez.html www.lewisandclark.org/pages/sactext.html www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/inside/saca.html Blassingame, Wyatt. (1965). <i>Sacagawea, Indian Guide.</i> Champaign, Ill: Garrard Pub. Co. Rowland,Della. (1995). <i>The Story of Sacajawea.</i> Milwakee: Gareth Stevens Publishing.

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			<p>Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Sojourner Truth</p>	<p>www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/wpages/wpgs660/joseph.html</p> <p>www.nezperce.com/mpedu4.html</p> <p>Fox, Mary V. (1992). <i>Chief Joseph: Champion of Liberty</i>. Chicago: Children's Press.</p> <p>Jacobs, William. (1990). <i>Great Lives: Human Rights</i>. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>(see Sojourner Truth resources - April)</p>

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December	Trust	Responsibility Freedom	George Washington	<p>www.whitehouse.gov/WH/glipse/presidents/html/gw1.html http://sc94.ameslab.gov/TOUR/gwash.html www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/2444/gwvision.html</p> <p>Cunliffe, Marcus. (1958). <i>George Washington, Man and Monument</i>. Boston: Little, Brown.</p> <p>D'Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar Parin. (1936). <i>George Washington</i>. New York: Garden City.</p> <p>Flexner, James T. (1972). <i>George Washington: Anguish and Farewell</i>. Boston: Little, Brown.</p>

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				<p data-bbox="1346 524 1904 683">Kent, Zachary. (1986). <i>George Washington: First President of the United States</i>. Boston: Childrens Press.</p> <p data-bbox="1346 732 1881 891">Meltzer, Milton. (1986) <i>George Washington and the Birth of Our Nation</i>. New York: F. Watts.</p>

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January	Loyalty	Freedom Responsibility	<p>Navajo Code Talkers</p> <p>.....</p> <p>WW II Japanese Americans</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Allen Say</p>	<p>http://raphael.math.uic.edu/~jeremy/crypt/contrib/lopez2.html</p> <p>http://web54.sd54.k12.il.us/schools/keller/jmikes/pac/nct.html</p> <p>www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq61-4.html</p> <p>Daily, Robert. (1995). <i>The Code Talkers</i>. New York: Franklin Watts.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>www.geocities.com/Athens/8420/main.html</p> <p>http://detnews.com/menu/stories/13546.html</p> <p>Stanley, Jerry. (1994). <i>I Am An American</i>. New York: Crown Publishing.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>http://www.eduplace.com/rdg/author/say/question.html</p>

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				<p>Say, Allen. (1993). <i>Grandfather's Journey</i>. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.</p> <p>Say, Allen. (1991). <i>Tree of Cranes</i>. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.</p> <p>Say, Allen. (1995). <i>Stranger in the Mirror</i>. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.</p> <p>Say, Allen. (1990). <i>El Chino</i>. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.</p> <p>Say, Allen. (1984). <i>How My Parent Learned to Eat</i>. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.</p> <p>Say, Allen. (1982). <i>The Bicycle Man</i>. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.</p>

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February	Justice	Freedom Progress	Rosa Parks ...	<p>www.womenswire.com/watch/parks.html http://socsci.colorado.edu/~jonesem/montgomery.html</p> <p>Adler, David. (1993). <i>A Picture Book of Rosa Parks</i>. New York: Holiday House.</p> <p>Greenfield, Eloise. (1996). New York: Harper Collins.</p> <p>Parks, Rosa. (1997). <i>I Am Rosa Parks</i>. New York: Dial Books.</p> <p>Parks, Rosa with Jim Hoskins. (1992). <i>Rosa Parks: My Story</i>. New York: Dial Books.</p>

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			<p style="text-align: center;">..... Martin Luther King</p>	<p>Ringgold, Faith. (1999). <i>If A Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks</i>. New York: Simon & Schuster.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p>http://martinlutherking.8mcom/ www.seattletimes.com/mlk/ www.lucidcafe.com/lucidcafe/library/96jan/king.html</p> <p>Clayton, Ed. (1968). <i>Martin Luther King: the Peaceful Warrior</i>. Englewood Silver Burdett.</p> <p>Schulte, Flip and Penelope McPhee. (1986). <i>King Remembered</i>. New York: Norton.</p>

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				Smith, Kathie. (1987). <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> J. New York: Messner.

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March	Commitment	Freedom Responsibility Unity	Sam Houston	<p> www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/wpages/wpgs400/w4houston.html www.graceproducts.com/houston/ www.texancultures.utsa.edu/mystery/sam_houston.html www.famoustexans.com/samhouston.html http://ajkids.com/KidsFinalAnswer.asp?qCategory=EDU%5F&Link=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Epbs%2Eorg%2Fweta%2Fthewest%2Fwpages%2Fwpgs400%2Fw4houstn%2Ehtm&Title=People+in+THE+WEST+%2D+Sam+Houston&Answers=1&site_name=Kids&scope=web&origin=0&bIsCobrand=False&ajparam_list1=78&ask=Where+can+I+find+a+biography+of+the+historical+figure+Sam+Houston%3F&ajparam_fillers=%7C78%5B245%5D%7C&ajparam_qid=1549 </p> <p> Braider, Donald.(1974). <i>Solitary Star</i>. Putnam. New York. </p> <p> Fritz, Jean. (1986). <i>Make Way for Sam Houston</i>. G.P. Putnam’s Sons. New York. </p>

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April	Self-discipline	Freedom Progress Responsibility	Sojourner Truth	<p>www.letsfindout.com/subjects/america/sotruth.html</p> <p>Adler, David A. (1994). <i>A Picture Book Of Sojourner Truth</i>. New York: Holiday House.</p> <p>Krass, Peter. (1988). <i>Sojourner Truth</i>. Chelsea House. New York.</p> <p>McKissack, Patricia. (1992). <i>Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?</i> New York: Scholastic.</p> <p>McKissack, Patricia. (1997). <i>A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee, A Slave Girl, Belmont Plantation, 1859</i>. New York: Scholastic.</p>

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			<p>...</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Theodore Roosevelt</p>	<p>Ortiz, Victoria. (1974). <i>Sojourner Truth, a Self-made Woman</i>. Lippincott. Philadelphia.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>www.npg.si.edu/exh/roosevelt/index.html www.metro2000.net/~stabbott/tr.html www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/3048/bio/TR/TR.html www.theodoreroosevelt.org/ www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/wpages/wpgs400/w4teddy.html</p> <p>Morris, Edmund. (1979). <i>The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt</i>. Coward, McCann&Geoghegan. New York.</p>

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April (cont.)	Self-discipline	Freedom Progress Responsibility	Theodore Roosevelt (cont.)	<p>Steffoff, Rebecca. <i>Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the U.S.</i> Garrett. Oklahoma: Ada.</p> <p>Wageknecht, Edward. (1958). <i>The Seven Worlds of Theodore Roosevelt.</i> New York: Longmans, Green.</p>

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May (cont.)	Self-reliance	Responsibility Freedom Progress	Eleanor Roosevelt	<p>www.rpi.edu/~howarj3/ www.udhr50.org/history/Biographies/bioer.html www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Library/4142/index.html www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/eleanor/</p> <p>Lash, Joseph. (1972). <i>Eleanor: the Years Alone</i>. Norton. New York.</p> <p>Roosevelt, Elliott and James Brough. (1977). <i>Mother R: Eleanor Roosevelt's Untold Story</i>.</p>

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