

Facing Big Challenges



Recommended
5th Grade



Length
50-100 Minutes

About This Lesson

In this lesson, students learn about the importance of perseverance when faced with big (and small) challenges. They define perseverance and the qualities that help someone persevere, uncover the importance perseverance plays in what they do and achieve, explore ways to demonstrate perseverance, and describe examples of perseverance from their own lives

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- Define perseverance and the qualities that help someone persevere
- Uncover the importance perseverance plays in what they do and achieve
- Explore ways to demonstrate perseverance
- Describe examples of perseverance from their own lives
- Research a person of interest and describe how they persevered when faced with a challenge

Driving Question

What does it take to overcome a big challenge?

Future-Ready Skills

Grit

Perseverance

Positive Attitude

Lesson Breakdown

30-40
minutes

Activity 1 - Mission: Facing Big Challenges

Direct students to complete **Mission: Facing Big Challenges**, where they will consider what it takes to overcome a big challenge

20-60
minutes

Activity 2 - A Person Who Persevered

In this extension activity, students research the perseverance story of someone famous or someone they know. They can use the handout to record their findings, or create a video, audio recording, or photo collage of their mission. They then upload the artefact to **Storyboard**, and reflect on what they learned.

Xello Entry Points

Students will add at least 1 achievement before beginning **Mission: Facing Big Challenges**. As part of the extension activity, students will upload their handout or artefact to **Storyboard** and reflect on what they learned about the topic and themselves.

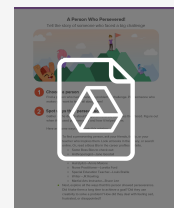
Vocabulary

- Perseverance
- Obstacle
- Resilience
- Attitude
- Focus
- Patience

Student Handouts

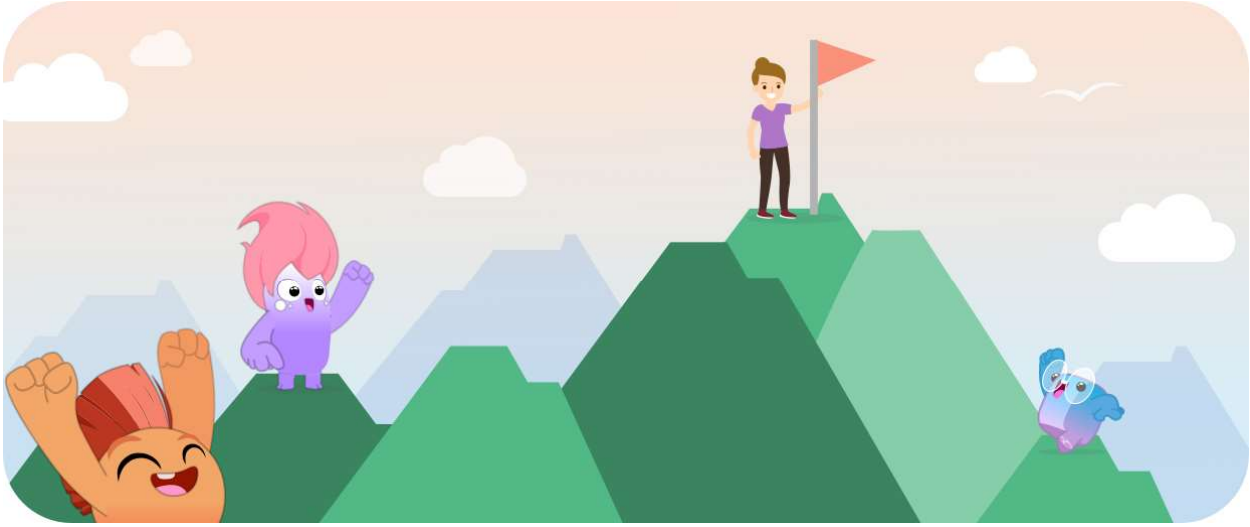
View and share the handouts included in the next pages.

Or if you have a Google account, click the image below to make a copy of the handout in your Google Drive. Edit the copy and share it with your students.



A Person Who Persevered!

Tell the story of someone who faced a big challenge



1

Choose a person

Find a person who had to handle a problem or challenge. Pick someone who makes you want to learn all about them!

2

Spot ways they persevered

Gather all the details about the person and the obstacles they faced. Figure out when they used perseverance and how it helped them.

Here are some ways to dig into this mission:

- To find a persevering person, ask your friends, family, or your teacher who inspires them. Look at books in the library, or search online. Or, read a Boss Bio in the career profiles in Xello.
 - Some Boss Bios to check out:
 - Anthropologist—Jane Goodall
 - Flight Attendant—Ellen Church
 - Hairstylist—Annie Malone
 - Nurse Practitioner—Loretta Ford
 - Special Education Teacher—Louis Braille
 - Writer—JK Rowling
 - Martial Arts Instructor—Bruce Lee
 - Next, explore all the ways that this person showed perseverance. Did it take them a long time to achieve a goal? Did they use creativity to solve a problem? How did they deal with feeling sad, frustrated, or disappointed?

- Identify what their perseverance helped them accomplish or achieve.
- Have fun telling their story. You could write a letter or make a diary entry. Or, become the person and make a speech or give an interview about your life.



Report on the challenge

Type out your report in the worksheet, or upload some photos, a video, or a sound recording. Or do both! Before you finish your report, add your thoughts about what you learned.

A Person Who Persevered

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Whom did you research? _____

What obstacles did the person face?

How did they persevere?

Research notes (Add any other cool facts you found out about the person.)