

# Integrity Skits



Concept  
**Self-Management  
Skills**



Length  
**30-50 Minutes**

## Inquiry Prompts

- How does it feel to act with integrity?
- How does it feel when you don't act with integrity?
- If you caught someone acting without integrity, what would you say to them to make them think twice about what they were doing?

## Instructions

In this activity, students create a short skit based around a quote about integrity. They put themselves in the speaker's shoes, and imagine the situation that may have prompted the speaker to make the statement about integrity.

- 1 Arrange students in small groups. Explain to them that you're going to give each group some [quotes about integrity](#). The speaker and his or her job or position have been identified.
- 2 Tell students that they are putting themselves into the speaker's shoes and writing a brief (5 mins) skit about the circumstances that led the person to make the statement about integrity. For example, if someone were an author, perhaps they were meeting with an agent or publisher who asked them to compromise their integrity for money.
- 3 You can ask students to research more about the speaker's life if you want to extend this activity.
- 4 Have students perform their skits, recording them on your phone if you want them to upload the performances to **Storyboard**. (For students who prefer not to perform in front of the class, you can assign them a comic-based story similar to the Get Gritty comic activity.)

**Message for students:** There are a lot of quotes about integrity and honesty. From inventors to writers to business and world leaders, acting with integrity is an important skill to develop. What would the world be like if everyone acted with integrity?

## Materials Required

- [Integrity quotes](#)
- Paper
- Pencils, colored pencils, or markers
- Phone for recording skits (optional)

## Artifacts

Upload students' skits to **Storyboard** where they can reflect on what it means to act with integrity.

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## Integrity Quotes

“If you don’t have integrity, you have nothing. You can’t buy it. You can have all the money in the world, but if you are not a moral and ethical person, you really have nothing.”

-Henry Kravis, businessman and philanthropist

“If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don’t have integrity, nothing else matters.”

-Alan K. Simpson, politician

“Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people.”

-Spencer Johnson, author

“Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters”

-Albert Einstein, scientist

“Don’t assume, ask. Be kind. Tell the truth. Don’t say anything you can’t stand behind fully. Have integrity. Tell people how you feel.”

-Warsan Shire, poet and activist

“To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest.”

-Mahatma Gandhi, lawyer, politician, and writer

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## Integrity Quotes

“Finally I was able to see that if I had a contribution I wanted to make, I must do it, despite what others said. That I was OK the way I was. That it was all right to be strong.”

-Wangari Maathai, author and political activist

“The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.”

-Ida B. Wells, journalist

“There can be no friendship without confidence, and no confidence without integrity.”

-Samuel Johnson, poet, playwright, and critic

“Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.”

-George Eliot, novelist

“The thing, in general, about being a good person is just do the right thing as often as possible.”

-Sami Zayn, wrestler

“The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.”

-Bob Marley, musician

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