"Leadership Skit" Activity

Overview:
In the Leadership Skit activity, the students will be assigned in groups to write a skit that demonstrates leadership. The skit should focus on one specific characteristic of leadership, and at the end of the skit, the rest of the class will have to guess what characteristic the students are demonstrating in the skit.

Objectives:
This activity will help students begin to think about what it means to be a leader as well as think about how this would apply to real life situations.

Materials and Handouts:
None required

Pre-Activity Discussion:
• Questions on leadership:
  o Who is someone that you would call a “leader” in America? At our school?
  o Who is the best leader you know?
  o What kinds of characteristics do all these people have in common?
  o What, then, does it mean to be a leader?
  o Give me some specific character qualities that leaders display (create a list on the board or flip chart).

** For additional standards and content references, please see the end of document.
Activity:
- Split the class into groups of 4-6 students.
- Tell the students that they must write out a short skit demonstrating one specific characteristic of leadership.
  - E.g., One group could show someone standing up for a kid being bullied. This would show that leaders are courageous.
- Give the groups 10-20 minutes to write and practice their skits.
- Have each group demonstrate their skit in front of the class. When a group has finished, have the class guess what leadership quality the students are demonstrating in that skit.

Writing Prompt or Class Discussion:
Here are some optional questions for writing prompts and/or class discussion.
- Questions on how this exercise applies to real life:
  - What can you do to demonstrate these leadership qualities?
  - How are you a leader at home? At school? On your sports teams?
  - Is it easier or more comfortable to be a leader in one setting than in another?
  - Are leaders born or made?
  - Can someone choose to be a leader? What does s/he have to do?
  - What choices or decisions does a leader make that are different from others?

Additional Standards and Content References

Voluntary National Content Standards in Economics:
- Standard #2 : Decision Making; Marginal Analysis

Partnership for 21st Century Life Skills Concept:
- Life and Career Skills > Leadership and Responsibility

National Content Standards for Entrepreneurship Education:
- Entrepreneurial Skills; B. Entrepreneurial Traits/Behaviors; Leadership
- Business Functions; J. Human Resource Management; Morale/Motivation; J.16 Exhibit leadership skills

Keystone Economic Principles™: