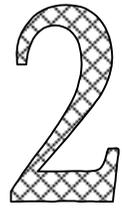


Celebrity Traits Analysis



Purpose To have students analyze some of the attributes of selected current celebrities who are conforming and nonconforming in dress, or manner, or thought, or behavior.

Materials Two-sided “**Traits Analysis**” sheets (duplicated for individuals or student groups)

Procedure

1. Have the class generate names of celebrities from within any general categories of interest (some politicians, some music stars, some media personalities, some scientists, etc.), and list them on the board.
2. Conduct a class discussion concerning whether students view the celebrities listed on the board as primarily conformists, or as nonconformists with respect to others in their reference group category. (Some well-known rock or film star may be a nonconformist. A well-known scientist may be a conformist. But, not necessarily!). You may use the “List of Traits” (see duplication sheet, reverse side) to guide your questioning process.
3. Pass out the activity sheets to students and have them complete with their name on the “front.” Show students how to fold a sheet to make a booklet.
4. Having selected several celebrities of most general interest (or letting students select), ask students individually or in groups complete the right-hand (reverse) side of the booklet.
5. Share the results with the class, and iron out any differences of opinion.

Extension Students could be provided a variety of celebrities from ancient times up through the present for performing a similar analysis.



**Open this side to
read the traits of a
celebrity**

Celebrity

name of celebrity

Fold along this line, then write the traits of a celebrity on the reverse.

Celebrity Traits Analysis

This analysis is the work of:

Fold along this line, then write the traits of a celebrity on the reverse.

List of Traits

**Open this side to
read a list of traits
that people may or
may not have**

List of Traits

- ♦ ***Open-minded:*** a person who listens openly to other people.
- ♦ ***Skeptical:*** a person who doubts much that is said or written by others.
- ♦ ***Scientific:*** a person who experiments to test if what is said or written is true.
- ♦ ***Inquisitive:*** a person who asks a lot of questions and wants honest answers.
- ♦ ***Independent:*** a person who tends to think or do for himself or herself.
- ♦ ***Conformist:*** a person who fits in with a group.
- ♦ ***Nonconformist:*** a person who does not fit in with a group.
- ♦ ***Rebellious:*** a person who turns against the ideas of a group.

Celebrity

Is this celebrity a conformist or a nonconformist?