

# Chart 'Em—Activity 12

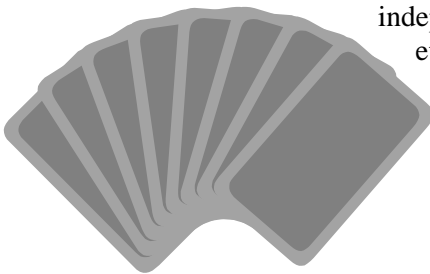
**Purpose** To have students use a chart to organize the information presented on cards (and/or in other reference materials) into a master set of information for display.

**Materials** A deck of “Independent Thinker Cards” per student group (the deck need not contain the entire card set; rather the teacher selects up to 15 persons of most consequence in the immediate area of study)  
An “**Organizational Table**” per student *or* group (prepared from a photocopy of the activity duplication sheet) *Note:* The left column will *already contain* names of nonconforming thinkers designated by the teacher. The right column can be used to list time, place, occupation, “thinker-type” classification, and so forth, as assigned by teacher.

## Procedure

1. Pass out cards and the table partially completed with “nonconforming thinkers.”
2. Assign each small group of students a category of information to use to label their right column. This assignment can vary across groups.
  - by location (e.g., continents, countries shown on map or in text)
  - by type of thinker (e.g., skeptic, independent, agnostic) shown on card front
  - by era (as appropriate)
  - by livelihood or profession
  - by other variables (identified by teacher)
3. When completed, groups can exchange their completed tables, and another group can check the prior group’s work for accuracy and edit as necessary.
4. Trim or fold the right columns to compile a master chart for display on the board or posting that will summarize for everyone the information on the Independent Thinker Cards. *Alternately*, it could be duplicated for distribution to students.

**Extension** Using the completed master chart, students can do further charts starting first with the variable of interest (e.g., “thinker type”) and then displaying the names of the thinkers in the right column, thereby producing clusters of skeptics, independents, agnostics, atheists, etc. Similar activities with locations, etc. would produce varied representations of the same data.



## Activities 11-14

The master duplication sheets for free “Independent Thinker Cards” are located on the Trafford web site

