

Classroom Red Lantern Award

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Discipline / Subject: Character Education/Development

Topic: Classroom Red Lantern Award

Grade Level: any

Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs:

A "red lantern"

<https://iditarod.com/video/iditarod-rookie-kaci-murringer-is-the-2020-iditarod-red-lantern-winner/>

<https://iditarod.com/about/trivia-facts/>

<https://iditarod.com/zuma/red-lantern-award/>

Lesson Summary:

- This lesson is meant to help improve quality of student work and motivation in the classroom
- Students will earn the "Red Lantern" for showing "grit" and "determination" with their work like the mushers do in the race

Standard's Addressed: (Local, State, or National)

Ohio's K-12 Social and Emotional Learning Standards

1. A3: Demonstrate awareness of and willingness to seek help for self or others
2. A4: Demonstrate a sense of personal responsibility, confidence and advocacy
3. B2: Set, monitor, adapt and evaluate goals to achieve success in school and life
4. B3: Persevere through challenges and setbacks in school and life

Learning objectives:

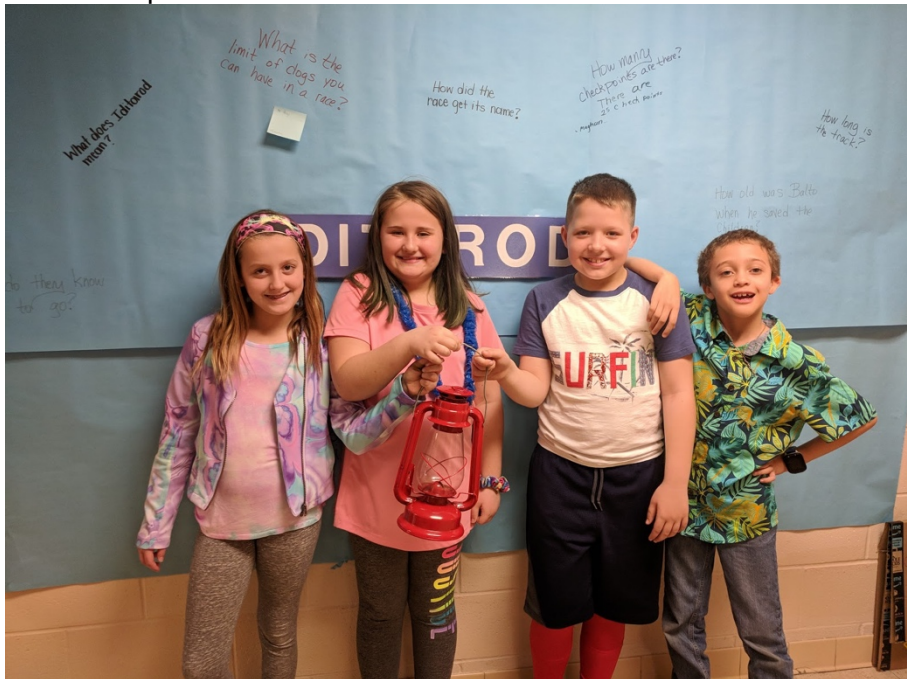
1. This lesson builds on your school's character education system to help further character education and build positive attitudes amongst students in the classroom

Assessment:

- Mostly done through observations
- Could be done with graded work samples at upper grade levels

Procedural Activities

- Begin by telling the class a bit about the Red Lantern award
- Hold a class discussion about why they think an award would be given to the LAST place finisher
- Discuss the terminology of “grit”, “determination” (or similar synonyms)
- Watch some of the videos about the “Red Lantern” and its significance
 - Older grades could do a comparison to the “Widow’s Lamp”
- Inform the class that one student will be receiving the Red Lantern for showing similar qualities with their work
 - This can be done daily, weekly, bi-weekly - it’s really up to you as the teacher!
- Show them your class “Red Lantern”
- I usually do it daily during the race, and then take a group photo of the weekly winners to post on our classroom website/newsletter



- Winner will keep the lantern on their desk for the entire following day

Materials Students Need:

- A good supply of:
 - Determination
 - Grit
 - Effort
 - “Not Giving Up” attitude

Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning:

- projector/SMART board used for showing videos of the “Red Lantern” above

Other Information

- This lesson can be easily adapted to other grade levels based on teacher discretion
- I have used this lesson teaching 2nd grade as well as 3rd

Modifications for special learners/ Enrichment Opportunities

- This lesson is nice because it is all about EFFORT, so even if some of your struggling learners don't get correct answers (for example), they can still earn the award for trying their hardest

Notes: