1. Self-reflection: Your Character

NOTE: Please read the instructions on the back page!

Intellectual Character > Successful Learners

Open-minded  Creative  Thorough
Curious  Critical
Incisive  Motivated

Performance Character > Confident Individuals

Enthusiastic
Organised  Hard-working
Determined  Self-Disciplined

Moral Character > Responsible Citizens

Caring  Appreciative
Kind  Forgiving
Trustworthy  Selfless
Honest

Civic Character > Effective Contributors

Co-operative  Respectful
Enterprising  Generous
Principled
Committed  Responsible

I am good at being...

I am a creative individual who uses my creativity to innovate and solve problems.

I need to work on being...

I often struggle to stay motivated in situations that require me to do things I don’t enjoy.

I sometimes feel I lack self-discipline when committing to carrying something out.

I think I need to work on showing my appreciative side, as I often feel that I don’t always show it.

Sometimes I struggle to commit to things I know I should be doing. I feel that I start strong but often let things slip.

2. Endangered Species or Significant Environmental Issue

Pandas play a crucial role in the bamboo forests where they roam by spreading seeds and facilitating growth of vegetation.

China’s Yangtze Basin region, which holds the panda’s primary habitat, is the geographic and economic heart of this booming country. Roads and railroads are increasingly fragmenting the forest, which isolates panda populations and prevents mating.
For more than 60 years, Sir David Attenborough has devoted himself to informing humanity about the beauty and fragility of the natural world. His countless stunning series and programmes, produced by the BBC, have inspired and educated three generations or more, opening a window onto the world that would otherwise have remained closed.

Sir Attenborough was banging the environmental drum long before it was fashionable to describe such action as green. His pioneering approach made ecology, once the province of bookish hobbyists, a subject of mainstream interest.

He inspires me because...

In his programmes he used the latest scientific evidence and interviews with leading scientists and conservationists to assess the impact of man’s activities on the natural world. He later turned to the issues of global warming and human population growth. I feel Sir David Attenborough shows a great deal of:

- **Motivation** - to make people aware of serious global issues.
- **Resilience** - he keeps pushing with his various projects to promote and look for solutions.
- **Selflessness** - by prioritising environmental problems he is putting the planet first.
- **Commitment** - his 60 year environmental career shows his commitment to his cause.

Because of his actions there is more global awareness of climate change and environmental issues including climate change. He ensures that his message is heard by a global audience. His indefatigable passion for life in all its guises have spanned generations, cultures and continents, sealing his place in history as a uniquely important environmental educator.

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**“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”**

- George Bernard Shaw
I feel that this photo really opened my eyes to the **effect of climate change**. As it shows one of 18 **wildfires** that swept through California, among the worst in the state’s history, is generating such heat that it created its own weather.

Such calamities, once considered freakish, are now commonplace. Scientists have long cautioned that, as the planet warms—it is roughly 1°C hotter today than before the industrial age’s first furnaces were lit.

**6. My Aspirations**

**NOTE**: To help you answer these questions; look back at your character attributes, endangered species or significant environmental issue and inspirational figure.

A. What do you want to achieve and contribute in your life?

In my life the biggest achievement I can think of is contributing to a better world for my children and grandchildren, as I mentioned a big hero of mine is **Sir David Attenborough**, I hope to follow his example and learn to be more **motivated** and **committed** and channel it to inspire my peers by taking a leadership role in environmental social action.

B. What are your top key ideas and priorities for a sustainable future?

My priorities for a more sustainable future are to focus on:

- Doing what we can to save **Endangered species** e.g. **Pandas**
- Addressing the causes of **climate change** and doing what we can to improve things

Specifically my idea is to start a social movement called **ChangeForTheFuture** that will try to address and enforce solutions to these pressing global issues.

C. How are you personally planning to contribute to a sustainable future, perhaps in your own community?

By utilising my **creativity** and **enthusiasm** I hope to draw from my inspirational quote and focus on **changing people’s mindsets** towards the significance of day-to-day adjustments we can make to our throw away culture. I will start the social movement in my local community and create a brand and web platform that gives inspiration and support to people who want to learn more about doing their bit.

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