



The Heroes Club™

Using Trading Cards in Heroes Clubs

<http://www.TheHeroesClub.org>

Purpose:

The Heroes Club trading card sets are available for use in a variety of instructional sessions. How and when the cards are given to the club members/participants are determined by the individual leaders and/or may be coordinated amongst a group of classes, schools, etc. This paper provides some ideas of the use of the trading cards.

Materials:

- The Heroes Club trading card set (The Real American Heroes has 25 hero cards.)
- Optional protector pages / sleeves
- Optional progress chart
- Optional certificate of completion
- Optional Honoree Hero nomination cards

Recommended Uses:

Trading cards as recognitions

You may choose to use the individual trading cards as recognitions (rewards) for each participant. The participants will naturally feel a desire to collect all the cards in the set. They may be interested in specific cards, favoring one or more over others. The participants may be interested in trading cards with each other.

Recognition possibilities include:

1. Recognize completed worksheets with the corresponding trading card.
2. Recognize additional assignment with the corresponding trading card.
3. Recognize participation in the group with a trading card from the week.

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Trading cards as “random” assignments

To add some fun and variety to the program, have the participants pick a trading card from a “hat.” The card that they pick can be used as the assignment they must complete the next week. When a participant chooses a card that he/she already has, then he/she can trade that card with another participant or choose another card and return the repeated card to the hat.

Protector pages / sleeves - optional

When a participant collects the cards he/she will value them more with a simple way to take care of them, to keep them safe and to display them. The participants may have a protector sheet in their notebook, may put each card in a separate sleeve, or may keep their cards in a convenient storage bag/box.

A variety of trading card protectors are available from card shops or online from The Heroes Club.

Public display of progress - optional

You may keep track of who has earned which cards by marking a progress chart. Each participant is listed on a separate row. Each card (hero/virtue) is listed in the columns. When a participant has completed the work / received a card, you can put a mark / sticker in the corresponding column for that participant.

If you want, you can display this chart for all the participants to see.

A blank progress chart can be obtained from The Heroes Club; you will simply fill-in the names of the participants to get started.

Certificate of completion- optional

Give a certificate of Heroes Club membership to anyone who has completed all 25. Blank, pre-printed certificates or downloadable, ready-to-print pages are available from The Heroes Club.

Honoree Heroes

You may encourage the participants to identify one or more people in their lives who have exhibited heroic qualities, acted in manners consistent with one or more virtues, and made a positive impact on the lives of others. It is recommended that this be someone they know, to keep the experience of being a hero as true-to-life and real as possible. The Real American Heroes card set includes a blank nomination card that the participant can fill in by him/herself. If/when this is done, you can collect the cards and display them on a board – the Honoree Heroes’ Wall of Fame.