

Grade 8 – Challenge #2

Challenge...Be a Good Role Model

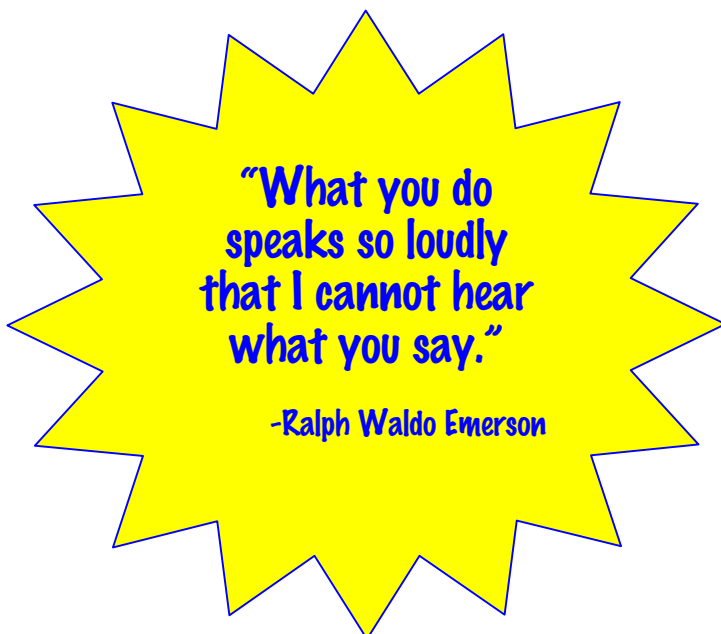
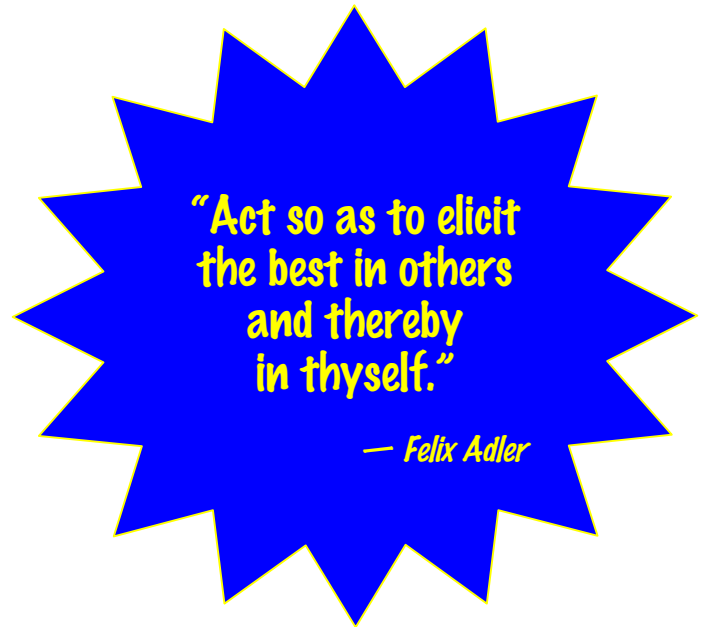
A role model is someone whose behavior is imitated by others. You might be surprised to find out how many people look up to you. As 8th graders you have the responsibility of setting a good example for the other students in the building. By being a good role model, you can help others achieve success in their own lives.

(1) Model positive choice making: Be aware that the choices you make don't only impact you but also those who look up to you.

(2) Think out loud: When you have a tough choice to make, allow the others to see how you work through the problem. A good role model will not only show others which decision is best, but also how they to came to that conclusion.

(3) Apologize and admit mistakes: Nobody's perfect. When you make a bad choice, let those who are watching and learning from you know that you made a mistake and how you plan to correct it. This will help them to understand that everyone makes mistakes, it's not the end of the world, you can make it right, and you should take responsibility for it as soon as possible.

(4) Follow through: Demonstrate stick-to-itiveness and self-discipline. That means be on time, finish what you started, don't quit, keep your word, and don't back off when things get challenging.



(5) Show respect: The way you treat others speaks volumes about who you are. It's often the little things you do that have the biggest impact on those who are watching you.

(6) Be well rounded: While we don't want to spread ourselves too thin, it's important to show others that we can be more than just one thing. Great role models challenge themselves to get out of their comfort zones.

(7) Demonstrate confidence in who you are: Whatever you choose to do with your life, be proud of the person you've become and continue to become. It may have been a long road and you may have experienced bumps along the way, but it's the responsibility of a role model to commemorate the lessons learned and the character you've developed.

Who Are Your Role Models?

Work in a group to use words, phrases and pictures to identify characteristics of a good role model.



**Role
Model**

Identify three of your role models and explain why they are your role models.

Role Model #1	Role Model #2	Role Model #3
Why is this person your role model?	Why is this person your role model?	Why is this person your role model?

Words of Wisdom

As a group, take a few minutes to brainstorm advice you would give to a 6th grader about how to be successful in middle school. Remember that you are acting as role models to these younger students. Write your ideas in the space below.

Use your iPad to record your words of wisdom. Be as creative as you want – choose any app that will work for you.

Once you have completed your video/presentation, share it with the people noted below:

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