

Character and Life Skills

Pre-Viewing and Discussion Questions

Lesson Title: Diligence, Self-Awareness

Grade Level: High School

Pre-viewing: Before watching...

1. How do you define diligence?
2. On a scale of one to ten, with ten being the most important and one being least important), how important do you think diligence is as a character trait? Why?
3. Has there been a situation in your own life where you showed diligence to overcome something difficult? Explain. How did you feel?
4. What are the activities you are involved in now that require diligence (e.g. sports, math, dance, etc.)? What helps you stay focused and diligent?

Discussion Questions: After watching...

1. Why is this video called *Diligence*?
2. Describe Jody's learning disability. Jody discusses her disability with ease and candor. Do you think you could do the same if you were asked about a challenge you have had? Why or why not?
3. How do you think Jody's own self-doubts fired up her diligence?
4. What does Dr. Yellin mean that "success in school is different from success in life"? How does each require diligence?
5. How is Jodie's learning disability a blessing and a curse?
6. What is your attitude toward your education? Do you feel the same way as Jody, that you do not take education for granted? Why or why not?
7. Jody says, "No one can ever take away your education. Once it's in your brain, they can't take that away." Explain what this means. Why do you think she shares this belief with the viewers?
8. Is diligence learned or are people born that way? Explain.