

Personal Leadership Activity

FAMOUS PAIRS

Overview

An icebreaker that calls for brief one-on-one conversations about famous pairs of people

Purpose

To prepare participants for a discussion about the roles and contributions of major historical figures

Time Required

15–45 minutes, dependent on group

Materials

Half sheets of paper, markers, tape

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<p>Step 1: Setup</p>	<p>Before Session</p>	<p>Prepare a list of famous pairs of people or characters. Some possibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Romeo and Juliet ★ Mickey and Minnie Mouse ★ Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera ★ Watson and Crick ★ Cleopatra and Marc Anthony ★ Lou Abbott and Bud Costello ★ Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz ★ Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson ★ Merriwether Lewis and William Clark ★ Napoleon and Josephine Bonaparte ★ Huey Newton and Bobby Seale ★ Orville and Wilbur Wright ★ Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt ★ Georgia O’Keefe and Alfred Stieglitz ★ Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King, Jr. ★ Karl Marx and Frederick Engels ★ Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony ★ Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata <p>NOTE: Some of the pairs are intended to be “light” or fun; others are major historical or cultural figures whose roles you might want to explore more deeply later. Add or substitute pairs that are meaningful and relevant to your group.</p>	<p>Half sheets of paper</p> <p>Marker</p>

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Step 2: Pairing Up		<p>Write each name on a card (1 name per card).</p> <p>If the participants know each other well, tape 1 card on each person's back; have participants ask each other questions to try to figure out the name of the person they are wearing and find the other half of their pair.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Allow participants to see their own cards and ask each other questions (without using any names) to find the other half of their pair.</p>	Tape