Grit - Pre-K to 2nd Teacher Guide



What is Included

The purpose of this guide is to support teachers in empowering students to make positive choices even when faced with challenging situations. In this guide you will find: Connection Questions associated with the video, independent practice guidance, and extended learning opportunities. Each of these resources can be used independently or in conjunction with one another as time allows. For your planning purposes, please find the estimated time needed for each activity below.

Viewing the Video

• Watch the video together with the students.

Student Activities

- Connection Questions (before, during, and after the video) 5-10 minutes.
- Fun Challenge, Student Activity, Drawing and Coloring Worksheet 5-15 minutes.
- Extended Learning 10 minutes.



Connection Questions and Checks for Understanding

Before the video 2-4 minutes

- Ask students:
- "What do you think grit means?"
- "Can you share a time when things didn't go your way, but you kept trying anyway?"

During the video 3-5 minutes

- Pause the video periodically to incorporate Checks for Understanding (CFU).
- Ask students: "What are some things that Grit does to keep trying to complete the puzzle and not give up?" (Answer: Takes a break and then comes back.)

After the video

- "What are some suggestions Grit's dad had for not giving up?"
 (Answer: Taking a break, getting a drink of water, saying positive things to yourself, play outside, take a shower.)
- "Can you think of some other ideas that might help you not give up when you're feeling frustrated?"
- "What part of the brain helped Grit work through frustration and not give up?" (Answer: Frontal lobe)

Independent Practice



Fun Challenge Worksheet

Exciting introduction to the activities ahead.

Drawing/Coloring Worksheet

 Students can express themselves and relax their minds.

Student Activity Worksheet

For grades 1st and 2nd.

Extended Learning

Read and Discuss

Read and Discuss how Grit is demonstrated in the following books:

Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist by Julie Leung

The Little Engine That Could: 90th Anniversary Edition by Watty Piper Fauja Singh Keeps Going by Simran Jeet Singh

She Persisted by Chelsea Clinton

Girls on Wheels by Srividhya Venkat Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall

