Breaking Open the Smart & Good Report

Activity: “7 Ways to Think About Character”

1. Form groups of 4-6. Shake hands and introduce yourselves.

2. Individually, read “A Character Lexicon: 7 Ways to Think About Character” (Smart and Good High Schools, p. 2).

3. Complete the following:

   A new insight I gained into character from this reading: _______________________

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4. Round robin: Go around, each reading the statement you wrote (no discussion).

5. Open discussion (3 min.):

   ▪ What did you find valuable about this activity?

   ▪ How could you use or adapt it for students?

Character is power.—Booker T. Washington