

Lesson 3 - Traits of an Innovator

approximately 45 minutes

Lesson Plan

Step	Approach	Activity	Duration
A	Overarching Question of the Day	Do innovators share common traits?	2 Minutes
B	Brainstorm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you know about Henry Ford? What do you know about Steve Wozniak? Use <i>Activity Sheet #1</i> and fill out first section.	8 Minutes
C	Context-Setting Activity (In Computer Lab)	Watch: Steve Wozniak Highlight video at http://www.oninnovation.com/innovators/detail.aspx?innovator=Wozniak Use <i>Activity Sheet #1</i> – Take notes to fill out second section of Ford/Wozniak Chart.	5 Minutes
D	Context-Setting Activity	View: The Life of Henry Ford at http://www.thehenryford.org/exhibits/hf/default.asp Use <i>Activity Sheet #1</i> – Take notes to fill out second section of Ford/Wozniak Chart.	5 Minutes
E	Small Group Activity	Place Ford's unique traits under Ford and Wozniak's unique traits under Wozniak. Place those traits shared by both in the center. Use <i>Activity Sheet # 2 – Common Traits</i>	5 Minutes
F	Report Out	Whole group share-time of Venn Diagram information. Teacher transcribes information onto chart-paper-size Venn Diagram for class display.	5 Minutes
G	Individual Activity	Identify the traits that you personally share with innovators. Use <i>Activity Sheet #3 – Personal Traits Shared with Innovators</i>	8 Minutes
H	Class Dialogue	Form a class consensus of what are the three indispensable traits of an innovator using <i>Activity Sheet #3</i>	6 Minutes

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Chart for Comparing Traits of Henry Ford and Steve Wozniak

Activity Sheet 1

Henry Ford

What you already know ...

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Steve Wozniak

What you already know ...

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List what you learned about the traits of Henry Ford and Steve Wozniak from
www.OnInnovation.com

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Steve Wozniak

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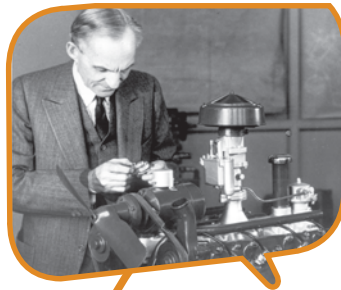
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Common Traits

Activity Sheet 2



Henry Ford



Steve Wozniak

Common Traits

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Personal Traits Shared with Innovators

Activity Sheet 3

Innovator Trait Bank

Curious **Risk Taker** Imaginative Solution Oriented Team Player Determined Challenging Visionary
 Opportunistic Persistent Hardworking
 Passion for Excellence Collaborative Creative Antiestablishment

Refer to "Master Glossary of Innovation" to learn more.

Complete the following chart describing five of your personal traits from the above "Innovator Trait Bank" and the innovator you identify that trait with:

Personal Innovator Trait

Innovator Who Shares This Trait

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What are the three indispensable traits of an innovator?

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2.
3.

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Master Glossary for Innovation

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Term	Definition
Adaptive	Able to adjust oneself to different conditions; able to make suitable to requirements or conditions
Antiestablishment	Opposed to or working against the existing power structure or mores, as of society or government
Artistic	Conforming to the standard of art; satisfying aesthetic requirements
Challenging	Arousing competitive interest, thought or action, to cause provocation
Competitive	Inclined, desiring or suited to compete
Concept oriented	Inclined toward something conceived in the mind
Creative	The quality of having the ability or power to create
Curiosity	The desire to know or having interests or passions leading to inquiry
Determined	A firm or fixed intention to achieve a desired end or action
Egotistical	Having an exaggerated sense of self-importance or ability
Empathetic	Someone who is sensitive to or understands the needs or states of others
Empowering	Giving power or authority to; to enable or permit
Entrepreneur	One who organizes, manages and assumes the risks of business or is enterprising
Hardworking	Someone who works diligently and often long hours
Imaginative	The act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality
Individuality	A total character peculiar to and distinguishing one individual from another
Influencing	The act or power of producing an effect without apparent exertion of force or direct exercise of command
Innovative	Characterized by, tending to or introducing innovation or complete new methods of doing something

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Term	Definition
Motivational	The act or influence of causing a person to act
Opportunistic	Taking advantage of opportunities as they arise
Passion for excellence	Intense, driving or overwhelming feeling or conviction to be excellent or do a superior job
Persistent	The action or fact of persisting; going on resolutely or stubbornly in spite of opposition, importunity or warning
Positive minded	Having an optimistic view about one's self, life, living and other people
Radical	Marked by a considerable departure from the usual or traditional
Risk taker	Someone who is not fearful of uncertainty and may even enjoy risky, speculative situations
Sense of concept	Ability to think of an abstract or generic idea generalized from particular instances
Simplistic	Of or relating to, or characterized by, a simple concept
Solution oriented	Intellectually or functionally directed toward an action or process of solving a problem
Team player	Someone who willingly works or plays in cooperation with others
Unconventional	Being out of the ordinary; not bound by or in accordance with convention
Visionary	Having or marked by foresight and imagination