



WHO IN THE WORLD ARE THE ROCKET BOYS?

An Exercise in Team Building



INTRODUCTION:

The “Rocket Boys” were a team, and each one contributed something very unique to the rocket-building project. After completing the book, use this activity to illustrate the value of teamwork.

MATERIALS:

Internet Access (or printouts of biographies of the “Rocket Boys”)

Chart Paper/Markers

Strengths/Weaknesses Chart (Attachment #6)

Team Project Planning Sheet (Attachment #7)

PROCEDURE:

- After completing the book, talk to the class about the value of teamwork and how it applied to the story told in Rocket Boys. Divide the class into five groups, assigning each group a different “Rocket Boy”. Each group should discuss the characteristics of its “Rocket Boy”. Record characteristics on chart paper. Identify characteristics that contributed positively to the rocket-building project. Identify any characteristics that may have hindered the team’s efforts. Be prepared to report to the class.
- Each group will then become a “team”. Each team member will identify strengths/weaknesses using Attachment #6 as a guide.
- Each “team” will then discuss its members’ strengths and weaknesses (focusing on strengths) and identify a project the team could successfully complete. (Writing a play, designing a billboard, writing a TV commercial, etc.) Using Attachment #7, the team will name itself, define the project outcomes, and identify what each member would contribute to the project based on each member’s strengths.
- Each team will then share its project with the class.



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NAME: _____

FIVE THINGS I THINK I DO WELL:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

FIVE THINGS OTHERS THINK I DO WELL:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

TWO THINGS I DON'T LIKE TO DO OR DON'T DO WELL:

1. _____
2. _____



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NAME OF TEAM: _____

NAME OF PROJECT: _____

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

TEAM MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



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<http://www.homerhickam.com/rocket.htm>

Provides photographs and current bios on all the Rocket Boys.