

Enrichment Activity for ELA 6 Unit 3: Survival
“Essential Survival Traits and their Relationships”
Analysis of Traits of Survival

Common Core State Standard(s):		Placement in Sequence of Unit:
RI 6.7	RI6.7 Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.	This enrichment can take place any time during the unit. Since it deals with the interpretation of character traits needed for survival, the instructor can choose to incorporate this throughout all or any parts of the unit. Instructor can change any part of the directions for students.
SL 6.2	SL6.2 Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.	
SL 6.5	SL6.5 Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.	
Materials Needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions for Students • Power-point of 12 survival traits • Hand-out of 12 Survival Traits. 		Essential Questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What traits are most essential for one’s survival? 2. How do survival traits relate to each other?
Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This enrichment is used for advanced/motivated students who can work independently with vocabulary, discovering more complex relationships. • Activity is designed to guide students through a critical analysis of survival traits, rank those traits and explain relationships between them, citing evidence from text, videos, and other materials already encountered. 		Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCPSS CMAPP ELA6 - Unit 3 • Survivorclub.org • WCPSS Literacy Strategies

Essential Survival Traits and their Relationships– Student Directions

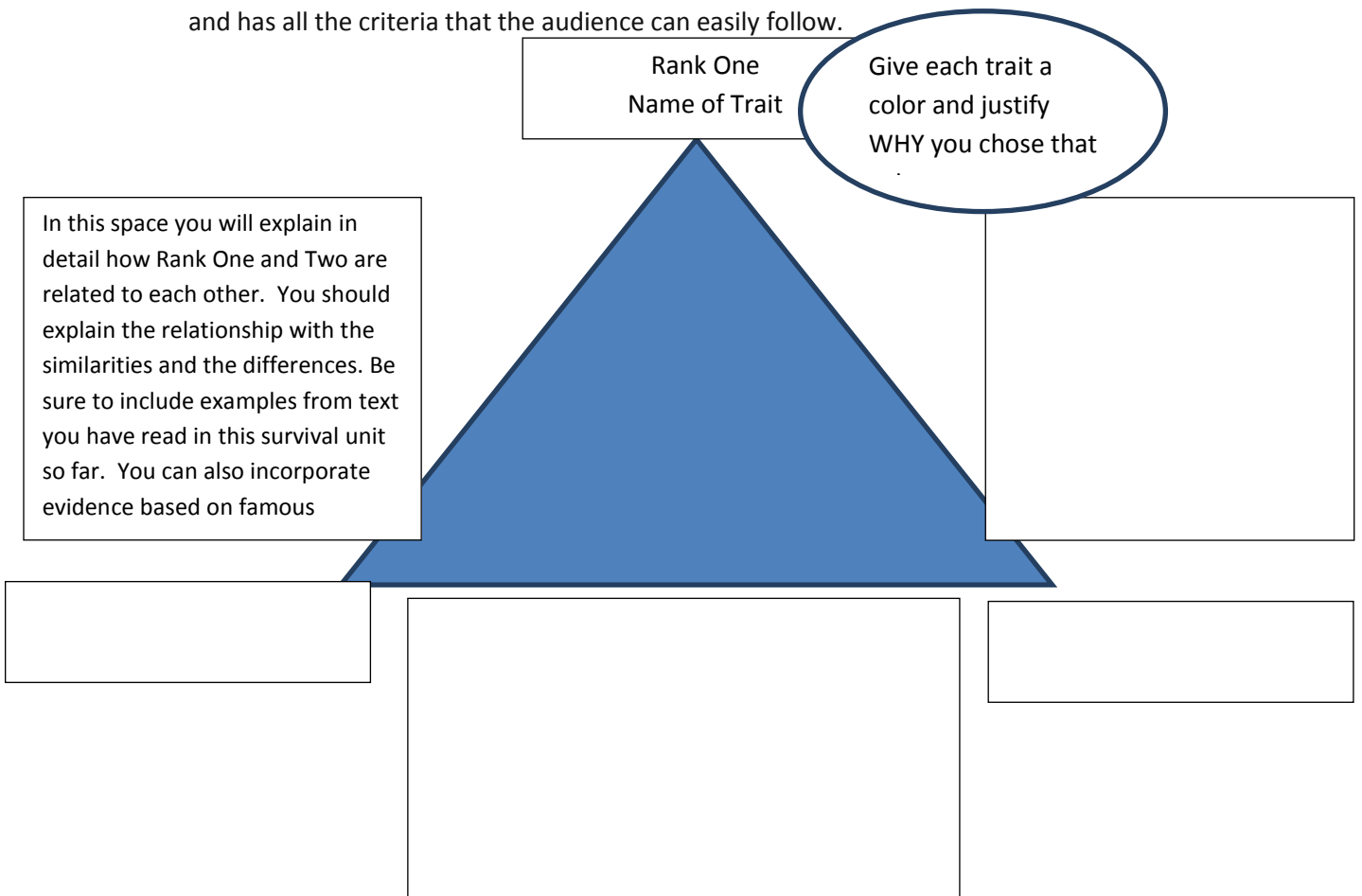
Objective: Students will analyze 12 published essential survival traits and decide a hierarchy of these traits, ranking the top three. This ranking will then be applied to an original “Three Way Tie” Visual Presentation, explaining the relationships and reasons for the rankings. Colors will be appointed to the traits with explanation of those color choices.

Introduction to Students:

In this activity, you will analyze 12 published survival traits that are supposedly characteristic of a survivor. After your analysis, you will decide on a ranking of these traits. With this ranking, you will create a visual POSTER SIZE “Three Way Tie” to explain the relationships between the traits, reasons for your rankings and appoint colors to the traits with an explanation of these colors. Keep in mind any text you have analyzed so far to help support your explanations.

Steps: Make sure you read through this entire document before beginning your activity

- 1) Open the Powerpoint titled, “The 12 Essential Traits of Survival”. Read through the presentation of the 12 traits. Decide, in your opinion, the top three essential traits. Rank them (1), (2) and (3).
- 2) Take notes on your note page to prepare you for your visual. You will create a LARGE visual following the basic model and criteria below. Your design can be original as long as it is logical and has all the criteria that the audience can easily follow.



Student Directions Continued.....

- 3) Your visual can be artistically created by hand or created with the use of the computer. Remember that it must be “Poster Size”. Your visual should show complexity of thought and evidence of incorporating several components of evidence for support.
- 4) Be prepared to present your visual. You can choose ways to present:
 - Physically explain your visual – take questions
 - Create a video-taped “picture slide” of the visual. A “picture slide” uses a video camera and passes over parts of the visual as you narrate and explain.
 - Create a power-point, prezi, or other presentation media to present your visual. You must include images of the actual visual.
- 5) The following note-taking template may help you to plan and organize your visual. Set up your own note-taking pages.

Trait:	Rank 1: Justification for Rank:	Text Evidence Support for Trait:	Color and Justification for color:	Relationship to Trait #2 (Details)
Trait:	Rank 2: Justification for Rank:	Text Evidence Support for Trait:	Color and Justification for color:	Relationship to Trait #3 (Details)
Trait:	Rank 3: Justification for Rank:	Text Evidence Support for Trait:	Color and Justification for color:	Relationship to Trait #1 (Details)

Hand-out: 12 Essential Traits That Make You a Survivor

1. **Adaptability** With the skill of adaptability you have the capacity to adjust to new situations and change your attitude and behavior to handle new challenges as they arise. When an obstacle gets in your way, you can modify your approach to accomplish your goals. You quickly let go of the way it used to be and use new strategies and tactics to fit the emerging reality. More than any other psychological strength, adaptability determines who gets into the Survivors Club.
2. **Resilience** You have the ability to bend like a tree in the wind. But you will not break in the face of any adversity in your life. You have the power to rebound and recoil back to your feet. You get up when you are knocked down and continue forward persevering through these hard times. You keep trying even when others around you have fallen off or quit. You refuse to give up.
3. **Faith** Faith is the most powerful and universal survival tool. You trust that God or a higher power has a plan and will look after you. You will be steered through difficult times and trust that you will be given guidance on your actions. If you listen, you will be shown the way. In a crisis, faith gives you remarkable power and confidence to prevail in the face of any form of adversity.
4. **Hope** You believe that no matter how bad life gets, everything will turn out for the best in the end. Your hope isn't just a rosy sunset on a Hallmark card; it's a combination of optimism and realism. You are confident that your wishes and desires will be fulfilled. You are an upbeat person who turns negative feelings into positive thoughts. You have power to laugh in the darkest times and see humor even in the toughest situations.
5. **Purpose** Purpose is the booster rocket of survival. You have a passion for life and your dreams. This gives you the power and drive to persevere in the face of incredible adversity. You're determined and focused on accomplishing your objectives no matter what tries to slow you down. Life is a gift and you plan to make the most out of it. You are driven by a profound sense of duty to a cause and are willing to work tirelessly for your purpose.
6. **Tenacity** Your tenacity is the superglue that keeps you strong in the toughest times. You are capable of holding on throughout any crisis and far out last others around you. You've got the persistence and determination to stick to it and keep stepping forward. You've got the grit and toughness to hold on when others can't take the punishment. Sure life hurts everyone, but you can handle the pain and keep going.
7. **Love** You will do anything and go to any lengths for the people you love. Your bonds with family and friends are unbreakable and give you reason to live. Other people depend on you, and you will never let them down. You believe that love is the ultimate purpose. Even in the worst times, the love around you and inside you gives you the strength to go on and thrive.
8. **Empathy** In a crisis, your ability to help others turns out to be a very powerful way to help yourself. Your compassion motivates you to help other people stricken by misfortune. You will do anything to reduce their suffering. When others resort to selfish means of survival, you on the other

hand think of others first. You are good at reading new situations and people, and you're always aware of your surroundings.

9. Intelligence You've got brains and a talent for learning, thinking and problem solving. Your intelligence is a powerful tool against adversity as well. You see complex and dangerous situations clearly. You examine problems from multiple angles to find realistic solutions. In a crisis, you can figure things out and understand what's going to happen next.

10. Ingenuity You are clever, inventive and resourceful. You can apply acquired knowledge from other situations to overcome immediate challenges. You are a real-life Angus MacGyver, the 1980s secret agent on television. You were given the gift of bricolage: the art of building things from whatever materials are available. You are an improviser and enjoy innovation and invention. Your ingenuity helps you survive adversity.

11. Flow You are like a river. You move forward, steadily, relentlessly, and with apparent ease and effortlessness. You don't need to make adjustments. You sail along, freely and calmly without fuss or muss. You stay cool when others panic and relax when others stress out. You understand the futility — and danger — of trying to control the uncontrollable. Facing a crisis, some fight and others flee, but you flow.

12. Instinct You possess a remarkable gift that isn't learned or taught. You have the innate power of instinct and intuition. You don't need to think very hard — you don't panic or obsess — you simply act. Your gut feelings come naturally and automatically and you trust yourself to do what's necessary. In a crisis, you gain immediate insight into your challenge and know what to do. You see signs of danger before anyone else.

Assessment: "Essential Survival Traits and their Relationships"

Name: _____

Note to Students: Students should assess themselves before the instructor and write a reflection discussing the challenges they faced, the successes they had and the areas that they think they can improve upon.

Rubric Scoring

Criteria	1 = 16 points	2 = 19 points	3 = 22 points	4 = 25 points
Task Commitment	Resistant/incomplete	Effort is incomplete or not adequate for the task.	Appropriate effort, successful	Extensive commitment. Rigorous effort in independent manner.
Complexity	Too simple or not appropriate.	Simple information. Work to show deeper understanding and application of ideas.	Shows complexity by communicating deeper understanding through details and thinking skills.	Beyond expected level. May show multiple points of view, compare/contrast and make sophisticated generalizations.
Organization	Unclear, lacks organization	Attempts made to organize and sequence but product is hard to follow.	Organized effectively. Clear sequence.	Skillfully planned with logical sequence. Very clear and communicated well.
Appearance and Presentation	Inadequate and lacks neatness and clarity overall.	Needs more attention to details.	Attractive and neat. Appropriate to task. Presented in appropriate and logical manner.	Eye-catching beyond expectations/easy to follow sequence of ideas presented. Shows thoughtful presentation skills.

Score: ____points/100 total points

Reflections from Student: