

## INTEGRITY FIFTH GRADE

### Objective:

To use literature in teaching students the importance of integrity as a character trait.  
To help students understand that having integrity means many things.  
A person with integrity is honest, trustworthy, responsible, courageous and respectful.

**Materials** *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth* by Patricia C. McKissack  
**Integrity poster**

### Activity:

**1) Introduce yourself to the class and explain that you are the Panther Pride Reader for Integrity.**

**2) Ask: What is integrity?** Children brainstorm definitions. Share poster and discuss.

Having the inner strength to be truthful, trustworthy, and honest in all things. Acting justly and honorably

Honesty, telling the truth, admitting when we are wrong  
Doing the right thing  
Keeping your word  
Treating others as you want to be treated

**3) Is it always easy to act with integrity?** Discuss.

**4) Introduce book *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth* by Patricia C. McKissack**

Ask children what they think this book will be about. Ask them to look at the cover and make a prediction about what will happen in the story.

**5) Read book aloud.**

**6) Ask the class:**

**Why is it good to be honest and show integrity?**

to have trust with others, to have good character, it feels good

**Why were the students upset with Libby when she told the truth?**

Sometimes she told the truth in a hurtful way or at the wrong time

### Evaluation:

**7) Brainstorm ways to show integrity at home and at school.**

Return an item that you find on the ground

Tell the truth to teachers, parents and friends

Admit when you do something wrong

Return a borrowed item or keep promises by doing what you say you will

**ASCA National Standards**

Academic Domain:

A:A1.5 Identify attitudes and behaviors that lead to successful learning

A:A3.1 Take responsibility for their actions

A:A3.4 Demonstrate dependability, productivity, and initiative

Career Domain:

C:A2.8 Understand the importance of responsibility in the work place

Personal/Social Domain

PS:A2.1 Recognize that everyone has rights and responsibilities