



Woodson Principles Lesson Plan

Overview: Robert Woodson Sr. is an American civil rights activist and community development leader. He is also founder of The Woodson Center—an organization that supports neighborhood-based initiatives to revitalize low-income communities.

This lesson covers the 10 Woodson Principles that he has developed in order to uplift and empower anyone struggling to overcome obstacles in life.

This is an appropriate lesson for Black History Month, studies on civil rights, urban development and renewal, social movements, civic ideals and practices, and social-emotional development.

Lesson Prompt: What is your neighborhood like? What are some things that are good about your neighborhood? What are some things that you would like to improve?

Share the prepared PowerPoint presentation on the Woodson Principles.

Students may be assigned the article from *The Philadelphia Tribune*, titled “Old-hand activist favors self-reliance route to fight poverty.” There are also accompanying videos with vocabulary and questions for students to view and consider.

Have students consider and answer the critical thinking and discussion questions.

Select from the accompanying Activities and Assignments and Multiple-Choice questions, according to your time allowance and student appropriateness.

Vocabulary

Capacity, Competence, Integrity, Agency, Resilience, Grace, Innovation, Credibility, Transparency, Reciprocity, and Entrepreneur.

For further reading, see [Lessons From the Least of These: The Woodson Principles](#).