## STRENGTHS ACTIVITY

Level 1



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# When you explore your strengths, you can:

#### **GROW:**

- GAIN CONFIDENCE
- APPRECIATE YOURSELF more
- HAVE CLARITY about WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU
- TAP INTO YOUR MOTIVATION for energy & resilience
- SEE HOW TO HELP YOURSELF & OTHERS
- MAKE DECISIONS more easily

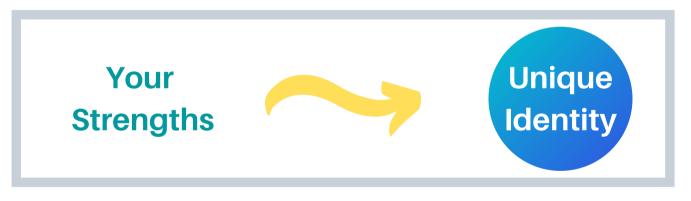
#### **MOVE FORWARD:**

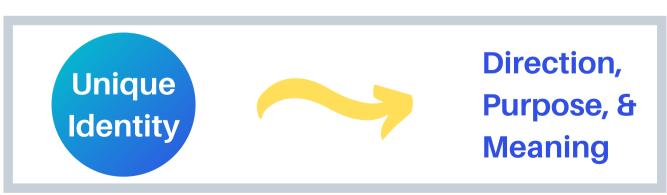
- TAKE NEW & MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES to grow
- HELP OTHERS IN MEANINGFUL WAYS that you enjoy
- ARTICULATE your strengths in APPLICATIONS
- FIND A GOOD CAREER FIT with more confidence
- HAVE INSTANT CREDIBILITY with organizations

YOUR
STRENGTHS
MAKE
YOU
UNIQUE



Exploring your strengths helps you know who you are & what you want to do.







When you understand your strengths you have confidence & vision.

When you

describe them

well

you display

self-awareness &

maturity.

## When you do both you stand out in:

- Job applications
- College applications
- Scholarship applications
- Interviews

This activity
Will
help!



## **Start by creating Strength Stories!**

Step 1

 Select your strengths from the next two pages.

Step 2

 Choose three strengths from the many you selected.

Step 3

 Answer the prompts to complete your Strength Stories.

With a coach, Strength Stories take approximately **15-30 minutes each** for writing and reflection.



Step 1

### 1. How do you see yourself?

#### Select at least 3 strengths. You are welcome to select more.

- 1 Brave
- 2 Confident
- 3 Dependable
- 4 Adventurous
- 5 Independent
- 6 Enthusiastic
- 7 Decisive
- 8 Creative
- 9 Reserved
- 10 Expressive
- 11 Achiever
- 12 Able to be true to myself
- 13 Loyal
- 14 Patient
- 15 Adaptable / Flexible
- 16 Generous
- 17 Outgoing
- 18 Gentle

- 19 Friendly
- 20 Linear Thinker = operates in a series of steps & methods that are easily identifiable
- 21 Global Thinker = operates by

associating ideas & information in ways

that may be unexpected

22 Even-keeled = peaceful or calm under

stress

- 23 Spontaneous
- 24 Open-minded
- 25 Competitive
- 26 Kind / Caring / Loving / Open-Hearted
- 27 Resilient = stand strong despite

challenges

- 28 Willing to be vulnerable
- 29 Strong in your opinions &/or faith
- 30 Trustworthy
- 31 Include another description:



Step 1

## 2. What roles do you take in your friend group or on a team?

#### Select at least 3 strengths. You are welcome to select more.

- 1 Leader
- 2 Behind the scene person
- 3 Brings the fun
- 4 Planner/Strategist clearly sees ways to accomplish goals or tasks
- 5 Visionary = sees what could be
- 6 Encourager
- 7 Observer
- 8 Motivator
- 9 Peacemaker
- 10 Gather people
- 11 Focused on relationships
- 12 Energizer
- 13 Confront obstacles
- 14 Researcher
- 15 Offers wisdom
- 16 Results oriented

- 17 Sees the bright side
- 18 Risk taker
- 19 Offers a reality check
- 20 Thinks out of the box
- 21 Sees all sides of the issues
- 22 Intuition = aware of emotional dynamics
- 23 Concrete = likes data and facts
- 24 Trusted confidant
- 25 Organizer of events, things, &/or people
- 26 Listens well
- 27 Big picture thinker
- 28 Detail oriented
- 29 Helps people with challenges
- 30 Even-Keel
- 31 Include another description:

# FOCUS ON THREE STRENGTHS



Step 2

## From the strengths you selected, choose 3 to make Strength Stories.

Creating Strength Stories with the other strengths you selected can give you more benefits & more information to share with others.



Step 3

## 1. Choose one strength at a time & answer the prompts.

- 1. Which strength are you focusing on?
- 2. What is an example of how you used that strength?
- 3. How did your strength help you?
- 4. How did your strength help others?
- 5. What could happen if you use this strength in the future to help yourself & others?

Consider three areas: **school, work,** and **personal life**"In \_\_(this area)\_\_\_\_\_ my strength could **help me**\_\_\_\_\_."
"In \_\_(this area)\_\_\_\_\_ my strength could **help others**\_\_\_\_\_.'

- 6. Why is being able to use strength in the present & future important to you?
- 7. How does having this strength help you see yourself now?



## 1. My strength is: Even-Keeled

(Staying calm under pressure)

- 2. An example of how I typically use my strength is during games. The team is freaking out, & I can stay confident.
- 3. One example where I used my strength was our championship game. We started losing, & the team was getting stressed & discouraged. I was able to stay focused, people took my lead, & we ended up winning.
- 3. My strength helped me focus when we weren't playing well, be more consistent, & perform better overall.
- 4. *My strength helped others* by causing a **domino effect.** They become **more confident & perform better**. This makes it **easier to handle tough situations**.
- 5. In the future, I can use this strength: In school, it will help me **perform better on tests.** In work, I will **still perform well in a stressful workplace** where others might not. If I was in surgery, I might be able to **help the medical team relax & maybe help save someone's life.** In my personal life, it could help me **handle family stress.**
- 6. Using my strength is important to me because it's useful to people & can make getting a job easier.
- 7. Having this strength helps me see myself now as: more useful, productive, & someone who can help people. I am more confident.



# Through exploring one strength & coaching, this client:

#### **GREW:**

- GAINED CONFIDENCE
- APPRECIATES HIMSELF more
- HAS CLARITY about what's important to him
- CAN TAP INTO HIS MOTIVATION for energy & resilience
- KNOWS HOW TO HELP HIMSELF & OTHERS
- CAN MAKE DECISIONS more easily

#### **CAN MOVE FORWARD &:**

- TAKE NEW & MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES to grow
- HELP OTHERS IN MEANINGFUL WAYS that he enjoys
- STAND OUT as he ARTICULATES his strengths well
- FIND A GOOD CAREER FIT with more confidence
- HAVE INSTANT CREDIBILITY with organizations



## Would you like to benefit? Receive a free 20 minute session!

#### Potential topics:

- Growing in Confidence
- Strengths
- What do I want to do with my life?
- College & Scholarship Applications
- How do I choose a College or Trade School?
- How do I choose a Career?
- College Prep
- How can I be chosen for opportunities?
- How do I make big decisions about the future?
- What is Coaching like?

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