



Future Reunion

Introduction

In this game, students will role-play to help them identify some long term goals and aspirations, and to envision how they will attain those goals.

Materials

- Printout (next page) and pen for each participant
- Stick-on “Hello my name is” nametags (optional)

Instructions

- Explain to participants that they are about to attend a party in the future where they’ll see all their classmates. The year is 20 years from now.
- Ask participants to spend 5-10 minutes writing down where they see themselves in 20 years, using the printout below.
- Give each participant a nametag to fill out (optional) to add to the reunion vibe. They could add their current job and hometown if desired.
- Ask participants to mingle and “catch up” by discussing what they’ve been through in the past 20 years and what they are doing now. If your group needs more structure, pair participants for conversations and have them rotate to a new partner every 3 minutes.

Discussion

- Was it difficult for you to imagine your life 20 years from now?
- Did this activity make you realize goals that you did not know you had?
- What are the steps you will need to take in order to be closer to your long term goals?
- What steps can you do in the next few weeks to get you one step closer to reaching your long term goals?
- Does the goal setting process require you to have any other Essential Skills?

Reflecting & Connecting

- Be aware that it might be challenging for students to think about themselves 20 years from now. This activity not only challenges them to envision themselves in the future, but it is also intended to encourage them to think about what they can do now in order to get closer to accomplishing long term goals. Although 20 years seems far away, what they do between now and then is what will make them who they will be.
- Remind students that time passes whether they are working toward their goals or not so they need to be proactive to achieve goals that they have set. For example, a student might decide they will be an astronaut in 20 years but that goal is unrealistic if they aren’t laying the groundwork. Goals aren’t achieved automatically.



Future Reunion Questions

*Answer the following questions to get you started, and then add your own goals for 20 years from now:

- How old are you now?
- How old will you be in 20 years?
- What year will it be?
- What level of education will you have completed?
- What job will you have?
- What will you do in your free time?
- Where will you live?
- Will you live in a city, suburb, or rural area?
- Will you live in an apartment or a house? Will you rent or own your residence?
- Will you live alone or with others? If others, who will you live with?
- Did you have to hire a babysitter to attend this party?