

# Proverb Bookmarks

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# A Note for you...

These bookmarks were created to highlight proverbs and also give their meaning (to those paying close enough attention to read it). Those included originate from the Core Knowledge<sup>®</sup> curriculum. Plus, they are ready for coloring!

As E.D. Hirsch states in his text, "The New First Dictionary of Cultural Literacy: What Your Child Needs to Know"...

A proverb is an old, familiar saying that has been handed down over many years. So when we hear a proverb, it is as if we were hearing the advice of our ancestors.

Proverbs often express ideas about how to act in daily life. There are proverbs to fit almost any situation. If careful attention is needed for a task such as building a model or sewing with tiny stitches, someone may advise you that "haste makes waste" (that is, don't go too fast or you may ruin your work). In another situation, you might need to hurry. If there is only one day left to sell raffle tickets for the school fair or only two tickets left for a baseball game, the proverb "He who hesitates is lost" makes the most sense.

Many proverbs are as memorable for the way they sound as for the things they say. For instance, the use of rhyme helps us remember "An apple a day keep the doctor away."

So, too, a repeated sound ("pr") helps us remember "Practice what you preach."

Enjoy!

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# Project Ideas

You'll notice signage following this page to accompany each of the ideas listed below that is meant to be used with students. Directives are included.

## 1. Persuasive essay

Students write a persuasive (opinion) essay based on their opinion of a specific proverb.

The logistics:

Print enough proverbs so every student has at least three choices. Cut them out and spread them over a table. Have students approach the table either one at a time or in groups of no more than five to complete the task. Your choice on which to assign!

## 2. Short story

Students work in pairs to write a short story titled the proverb they chose. They must incorporate the proverb into the story as well as the title.

## 3. Research Project

Students (either independently or in a small group) choose a proverb they are unfamiliar with. They utilize their research skills to determine the origin of the proverb. Their final project is one of the three options listed within the following pages. Utilize the same logistics as the persuasive essay.

## 4. Bookmarks

Simply print and utilize the proverbs as bookmarks at a station.

# Persuasive Essay

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Your task:

1. Choose a proverb you believe to be true.

2. Write a persuasive essay based on your opinion using the OREO strategy.

 Opinion  
Reason  
Examples  
Opinion

3. Edit your essay and find a peer to do the same.

4. Turn in your finished product by \_\_\_\_\_.

# Persuasive Essay

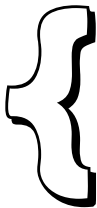
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Your task:

1. Choose a proverb you believe to be false.
2. Write a persuasive essay based on your opinion using the OREO strategy.  Opinion  
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# Short Story

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Your task:

1. Choose a proverb and write a short story.

You must incorporate the proverb into the text of the story as well as the title.

2. Choose at least one peer to edit your story.

3. Complete your finished work by \_\_\_\_\_.

# Research

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Your task:

1. Choose a proverb
2. Research the origin of the proverb.
3. Create a poster, comic, or essay featuring your findings. Cite your sources!
4. Complete your finished product by \_\_\_\_\_.

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Your task:

1. Choose a proverb to keep as a bookmark.

2. Ask yourself:

A. When would you tell someone this proverb?

B. Why would you tell someone this proverb?

3. Color the bookmark, if you wish.