



The Crocodiles
Additional Educational Activities

Standing for Courage, Honesty, and Trust

Language Arts Student Worksheet

Common Core State English Language Arts Standards: RL.5.4, RL.5.7, RL.7.1, RL.7.1, RL.8.9, L.7.5c, L.8.5c, SL.5.1d, SL.6.2;

The Crocodiles believe in showing courage, honesty, and trust in everything they do. Create your own definition for these three traits:

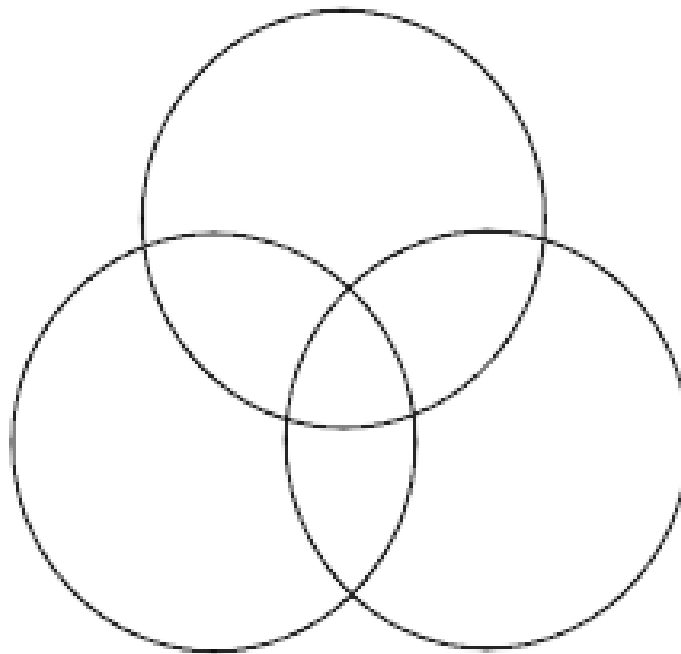
Courage is _____.

Honesty is _____.

Trust is _____.

How did the Crocodiles demonstrate these qualities in their words and actions? In the three-ring Venn Diagram below, write in examples from *The Crocodiles* of courage, honesty, and trust in the corresponding ring. Notice the areas where the rings overlap. Write in examples that illustrate more than one trait in those spaces.

COURAGE



HONESTY

TRUST



Travel Brochures of *The Crocodiles* Setting: The Ruhrgebiet, Germany Social Studies/Geography Student Worksheet

Resources: DAAD, German Academic Exchange System.

WI Model Academic Standards: Social Studies—A.8.8, A.8.9, E.8.3, E.8.10; Common Core State English Language Arts Standards: RH.6-8.5, RH.6-8.7

The Ruhr area is a melting pot of cultures and is made up of three major cities: Bochum, Essen, and Duisburg. Although the area used to be known for its coal mining and steel industries, the area has changed considerably and is now very arts and entertainment oriented. Residents of this region can city hop, which means they never run out of new activities to get involved in and fresh areas to explore.

Bochum is home to more than 376,000 residents is considered a party city and a cultural hub. The city once had more mines than anywhere else in the Ruhr region, but it now is known for its cultural sites, like art museums, and its live theater. The city preserves its heritage at the popular German Mining Museum, where visitors get to travel down deep into a mine before heading up a large tower that overlooks the city. Bochum also hosts one of Europe's largest rock-and-roll festivals!

Essen was named the European Capital of Culture in 2010. With a population exceeding 580,000, this "shopping city" also houses some of Germany's major businesses. Have you heard of ALDI grocery stores? That's a German company from Essen! Essen, at the heart of the Ruhr region, also depends on its tourism economy. People come to see old castles, cathedrals, and contemporary museums, and the Aalto Opera House has an international reputation.

Duisburg has more than 500,000 residents, of whom around one-fifth are migrants. Duisburg is home to the world's largest inland port and was built up on all sides of two rivers. Ships from around the world bring in over 40 million tonnes of cargo every year.

The city offers a variety of architectural places of interest, ranging from old churches to modern buildings, and is very arts oriented (they also have their own opera company!), but Duisburg is known for its green parks, lakes and outdoor leisure facilities as well.

Use the maps below to find Germany on the map of Europe. Then circle the three cities of the Ruhrgebiet—Essen, Bochum, and Duisburg—on the map of Germany.



Create a Travel Brochure for The Ruhrgebiet, Germany...

The Ruhr City—three unique and bustling cities make up the Ruhrgebiet area of Germany. Use the form below to create a travel brochure for kids who may want to visit the Ruhr City. What would you like to do and see if you were to visit the Ruhr City?

Use the City information located on the previous page and following website to start your research:
http://wikitravel.org/en/Ruhr_area#b.

Once you have gathered your research, lay the information out in your brochure and share this information with your friends so you can start planning your trip!

Things to Include in a Travel Brochure

- ***What these cities look like and what makes them so cool...***
Share a brief summary of the setting of the three cities, with highlights of some of the important places:
- ***Where you are, and how to get around...***
Location and geography, including a map:
- ***The art and the shows you have to see...***
Arts and Culture the city has to provide, including museums, theatre, entertainment, and other cultural places to visit:
- ***Yum! You can't go home without trying this...***
Food that is unique and specific to that region.
- ***Ways to spend the day playing outside...***
Recreation and outdoor activities—sports, water, parks:



The Crocodiles Solve The Mystery: Detective Case Report

Language Arts/Media Literacy Student Worksheet

Resources: Scholastic Inc.

Common Core State English Language Arts Standards: RL.5.5, RL.6.3, RL.6.5, RL.8.3, SL.5.2, RI.4.1, R5.5.1

Detectives must complete a case report after a mystery has been solved to show how the information they collected helped them crack the case. Pretend you are a member of The Crocodiles. Recall the series of events that lead up to them solving the crime from *The Crocodiles* as you fill in the case report below.

CHARACTERS	
DETECTIVES	SUSPECTS

SETTING
WHERE DOES THE STORY TAKE PLACE?

CLUES (in order)	WHO DISCOVERED IT?
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

CONCLUSION	
WHAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MYSTERY?	WHAT IS THE MAIN EVIDENCE THAT HELPED THE DETECTIVES CRACK THE CASE?



Building the Ultimate Clubhouse

Art/Science Student Worksheet

WI Model Academic Standards: Art—D.8.6, D.8.3, E.8.4, H.8.6, I.8.7;

At the end of the film *The Crocodiles*, the group received a reward check for the hard work they did solving the crime. Although some of that money was given to Hannes and his mother to pay their rent, we do not know what the group did with the rest of the money. What if the Crocodiles used a portion of their reward money to build the ultimate clubhouse, especially since their first two clubhouses had been destroyed.

What features do you think the clubhouse should include?

Where would be the best location for their clubhouse?

What technological improvements should be added to the clubhouse (perhaps computers, a high-tech security system, motion sensor lights, or walkie-talkies)?

Use the space below to draw *The Crocodiles'* new clubhouse.