



This is an activity designed to help students see which type of people really matter in their lives. Depending on the age of students, you can have them write their answers on paper, discuss with a partner or small group, or just have individual think time for each of the first set of questions. Start off by asking the following five questions?

*Give less than 30 seconds to a minute for each question.

- 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.**
- 2. Name the last five NFL MVPs.**
- 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.**
- 4. Name six people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.**
- 5. Name the last two Academy Award winners for Best Actress.**



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Now try this second set of questions. Depending on the age of students, you can have them write their answers on paper, discuss with a partner or small group, or just have individual think time for each of the second set of questions.

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1. List a few people who have encouraged you in your life.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel, appreciated and special.
5. Name five people whose stories have inspired you?

POINT: The people who make a difference in your life are not the most famous, or the ones with the most credentials, the most money, and the most awards. It is important to surround yourself with people who inspire you to be proud of who you are. They are the ones that care.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why was the second list of questions easier to answer than the first?
2. How can we learn from our mistakes?