

Inspirational Quotes

Use these quotes to encourage thought and reflection as part of your community service learning project, in conjunction with journal keeping, essay writing or classroom discussion. Quotes can also be enlarged and placed around the classroom, as part of a theme.

"Always do right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest." Mark Twain

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, that's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi

This is man's highest end, to others' service, all his powers to bend." Sophocles

The time is always right to do right." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness." Confucius

The care of human life and happiness is the first and only legitimate objective of good government." Thomas Jefferson

"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves." Benjamin Franklin

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank

"What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?" George Elliot

"Everything that lives, lives not alone, not for itself." William Blake

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, who am I for? And if not now, when?" Rabbi Hillel

"If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain.
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain." Emily Dickenson

"Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it." Albert Schweitzer

"The only gift is a portion of thyself." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

Sir James M. Barrie

"Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough. Money can be got, but others need your heart to love them. So, spread love everywhere you go."

Mother Theresa