

## Personal Leadership Activity

### FAMOUS PAIRS

#### Overview

An icebreaker that calls for brief one-on-one conversations about famous pairs of people

#### Purpose

To prepare participants for a discussion about the roles and contributions of major historical figures

#### Time Required

15–45 minutes, dependent on group

#### Materials

Half sheets of paper, markers, tape

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<p><b>Step 1:</b> Setup</p>	<p>Before Session</p>	<p>Prepare a list of famous pairs of people or characters. Some possibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Romeo and Juliet</li> <li>★ Mickey and Minnie Mouse</li> <li>★ Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera</li> <li>★ Watson and Crick</li> <li>★ Cleopatra and Marc Anthony</li> <li>★ Lou Abbott and Bud Costello</li> <li>★ Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz</li> <li>★ Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson</li> <li>★ Merriwether Lewis and William Clark</li> <li>★ Napoleon and Josephine Bonaparte</li> <li>★ Huey Newton and Bobby Seale</li> <li>★ Orville and Wilbur Wright</li> <li>★ Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt</li> <li>★ Georgia O’Keefe and Alfred Stieglitz</li> <li>★ Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King, Jr.</li> <li>★ Karl Marx and Frederick Engels</li> <li>★ Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony</li> <li>★ Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Some of the pairs are intended to be “light” or fun; others are major historical or cultural figures whose roles you might want to explore more deeply later. Add or substitute pairs that are meaningful and relevant to your group.</p>	<p>Half sheets of paper</p> <p>Marker</p>

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<b>Step 2:</b> Pairing Up		<p>Write each name on a card (1 name per card).</p> <p>If the participants know each other well, tape 1 card on each person's back; have participants ask each other questions to try to figure out the name of the person they are wearing and find the other half of their pair.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Allow participants to see their own cards and ask each other questions (without using any names) to find the other half of their pair.</p>	Tape