

Heroes Who Inspire



# TEACHER'S NOTES

Joan of Arc

## Joan of Arc — Introduction

The purpose of this pack is to reaffirm and develop pupils' knowledge and understandings of the character virtues, with particular reference to the virtues of **service** and **courage**.

To accompany these **Teacher's Notes**, **Joan of Arc – The Story**, and **Joan of Arc – Resources for Pupils** are downloadable via Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues website ([www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/knightlyvirtuesresources](http://www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/knightlyvirtuesresources)).

The following supporting documents are also provided online:

- **Knightly Virtues Introduction Materials**
- **Virtues Toolkit** including activities on the following virtues: Self Discipline, Honesty, Love, Gratitude, Justice, Courage, Service, Humility
- **Joan of Arc PowerPoint**
- **Other stories in the programme** including Gareth and Lynette, El Cid, Don Quixote, Merchant of Venice, Rosa Parks, Beowulf, Robin Hood and Anne Frank.

### **Background Information for Teachers**

This information is to supplement the Joan of Arc PowerPoint which provides an introduction to the story, available online ([www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/knightlyvirtuesresources](http://www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/knightlyvirtuesresources)).

The retold version of the Joan of Arc in this pack concludes with the coronation of King Charles VII in Reims and his agreement for Joan to continue her battle with the English. There is mention in the Afterword of Joan's imprisonment, trial and execution by the English. There are many published versions of the complete story of Joan of Arc's life, martyrdom and beatification available for further study. These incidents have not been included in the story presented in the pack as the political and religious dimensions of Joan's trial are very complex and demanding for pupils to understand.

# Joan of Arc — Lesson Plan

**Title: Joan of Arc – Service and Courage**

**Year Group 5/6**

Curriculum links: Literacy, History, Modern Foreign Languages

## Learning Objectives

1. To understand what the virtues of service and courage mean in the story of Joan of Arc;
2. To accurately identify vocabulary which illustrate the virtues of service and courage from the story of Joan of Arc;
3. To demonstrate sustained attention to an extended narrative and answer relevant questions accurately;
4. To be able to accurately retrieve information from the narrative which illustrates an answer or point of view.

## Learning Outcomes

1. To be able to identify and describe the virtues of service and courage;
2. To begin to be able to relate the virtues of service and courage to our own lives today.

## Resources

Related Knightly Virtues resources, including the Virtues Toolkit, are available via [www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/knightlyvirtuesresources](http://www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/knightlyvirtuesresources)

**Provided:** Joan of Arc narrative, Joan of Arc Teacher's Notes, Joan of Arc Resources for Pupils.

**Not Provided:** Interactive White Board, Flipchart, Pens

## Introduction (15mins)

Introduce/reaffirm the meaning of character and virtue (Knightly Virtues Introduction PowerPoint). Introduce the Knightly Virtues definitions of service and courage (Virtues Toolkit). Establish open space for pupil engagement principles.

## The Story (30-35mins)

Read the story to pupils. Provide pupils with the opportunity to clarify understanding. Provide pupils with access to the Glossary for reference to character names and new vocabulary.

## Activity (15-20mins) Virtue in Focus: Service

Ask the pupils to read 'A Childhood' section of the story through for themselves. Then divide them into small groups and ask them to work together to identify three incidents in which Joan serves the needs of others. There is space provided for them to write their answers. Invite pupils to look through the rest of the narrative for additional acts of service. Invite pupils to look at the rest of the story. Ask them to make a note of any other virtues apart from service that Joan and/or other characters display. You may wish to refer to the virtue definition cards available in the Virtue Toolkit.

## Plenary (15mins)

Bring the group together to discuss the acts of service found within the story and invite them to share their examples. Show and read the courage virtue card (available in the Virtues Toolkit) and introduce the homework task.

## Progression/Homework Virtue in Focus: Courage

Courage task from the Virtues Toolkit found online at [www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/knightlyvirtuesresources](http://www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/knightlyvirtuesresources)