

## Colors Of Character Answer Key

*Answers will vary. Look for:*

- **Justice (Purple):** Responses mention fairness, honesty, or standing up for others.
- **Faith (Green):** Answers include perseverance, belief in goals, or trust.
- **Power (Gold):** Students describe leadership used for kindness or change.
- **Personal Colors:** Responses show self-reflection and thoughtful reasoning behind color choices.

### Teacher's Guide

**Purpose:** This activity builds **critical thinking**, **symbolic analysis**, and **reflective writing** skills while connecting students to Mardi Gras cultural traditions.

### Teaching Tips:

- **Introduce the Concept:** Show visuals of Mardi Gras celebrations and explain that every color in the parade has a meaning.
- **Connect to Character Education:** Discuss how justice, faith, and power relate to everyday life, both in and outside of school.
- **Differentiation:**
  - *Grades 6-7:* Allow discussion pairs before writing responses.
  - *Grade 8:* Challenge students to expand their responses into a short essay or journal entry.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Create a "Mardi Gras Values Wall" where students display their three personal colors with short explanations.
  - Play soft jazz or parade music during reflection time to create a relaxed atmosphere.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Have students research other holidays or cultures that use color symbolism (e.g., Diwali, Chinese New Year).
  - Let students design their own symbolic mask incorporating their personal colors and meanings.