

Renzulli Personal Success Plan

Language Arts Starters



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My Interests tab: direct students to click:

- “See More”, then
- Select “Reading” from the drop-down menu (if Reading is already one of your students’ top interests, they can just click it from their interest menu), then
 - “Modern-Day Interpretation Projects” to find a variety of project options that differentiate by expression style for any reading assignment you’ve been using in class.
 - “Critical Reading: A Guide” to find tips and advice for advanced readers to help them identify and deconstruct the elements of any poem, novel, or short story.

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My Heroes and Helpers tab: Give students access to powerful resources for learning about some of history’s biggest heroes. Direct students to click:

- “Find Your Helpers”

After the students have completed their profiles of various helpers – people they know who can help them work towards achieving their goals – assign the students to write a letter to one of their helpers, in which they tell them about the PSP and their decision to call them a helper. Students should articulate why they chose this person as a helper, and may include a note of thanks to the helper for their support.

On the same tab, direct students to click:

- “Find Your Heroes”, then
- “Click here to browse websites describing people—both famous and maybe not so famous—whose interests and talents span many areas.”
- Then “Academy of Achievement: Find Your Mentor”.

Have students identify heroes that share at least two of their characteristics, and write a biographical essay on that hero, indicating how his or her life mirrors the student’s and how the hero is inspiring to the student.

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My Goals tab: direct students to click:

- “FAQs”

Have the students write or perform a scene describing the meeting of two of the characters described in this section of the PSP. Assuming that the characters went to school with one another as children, how would their meeting occur? What would be said between them? What would each character learn through their conversation?