

Critical Trivia

Creating Inclusive Games for Students and Librarians

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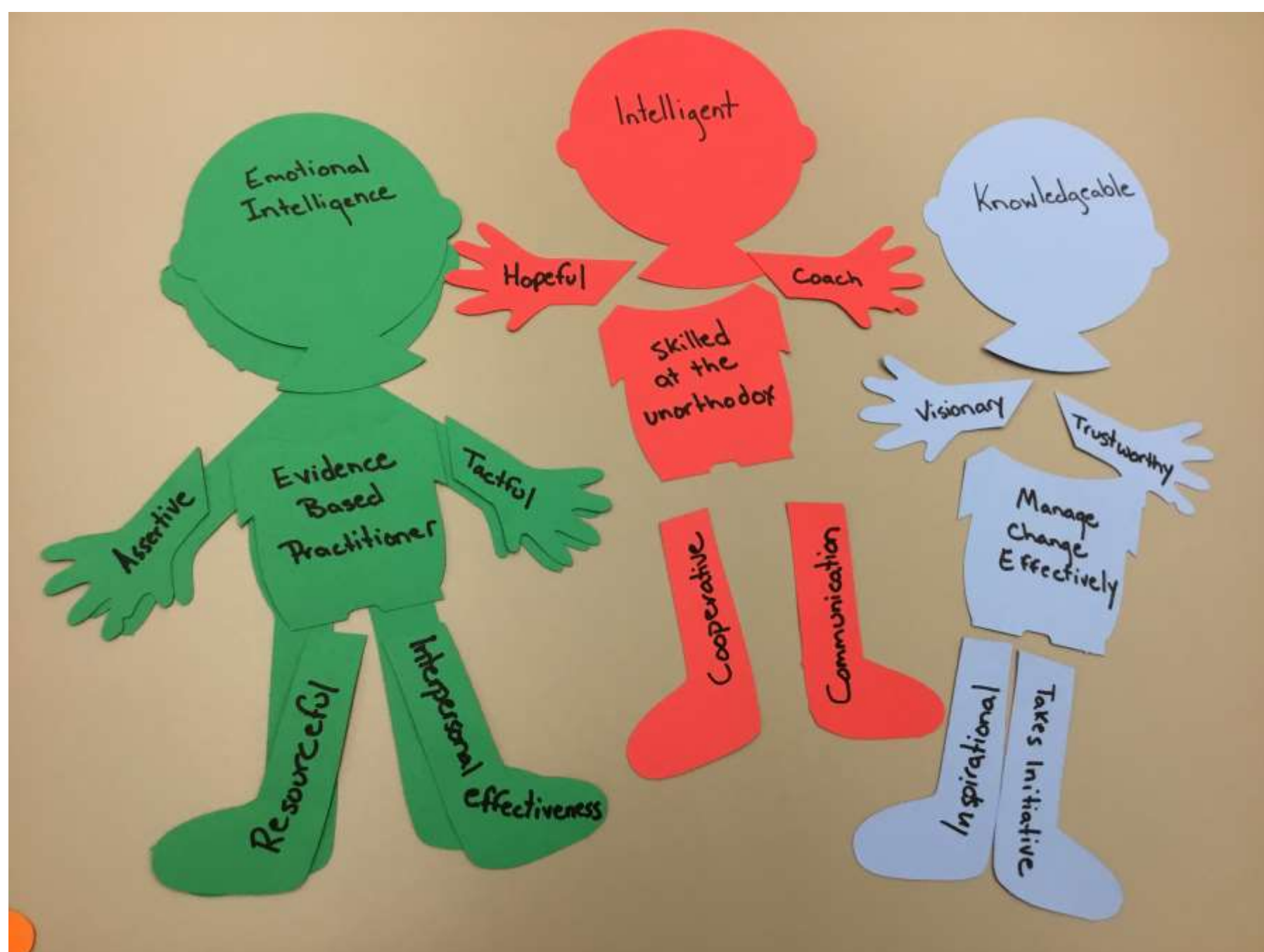


GAME DESCRIPTION

The first game, **Build a Leader** (Build a Mentor, Build a Researcher) is designed to facilitate discussions about leadership qualities in a low-stakes way. **Build a Leader** is extendable to different topics including mentoring or research.

CREATE YOUR GAME

- Make the game board consisting of a die cut body and body parts
- Develop a list of leadership qualities for the game pieces
- Create trivia questions related to leadership
- Display trivia questions on PowerPoint, Emaze, or other presentation software
- Provide buzzers, bells, or other ways for players to ring in



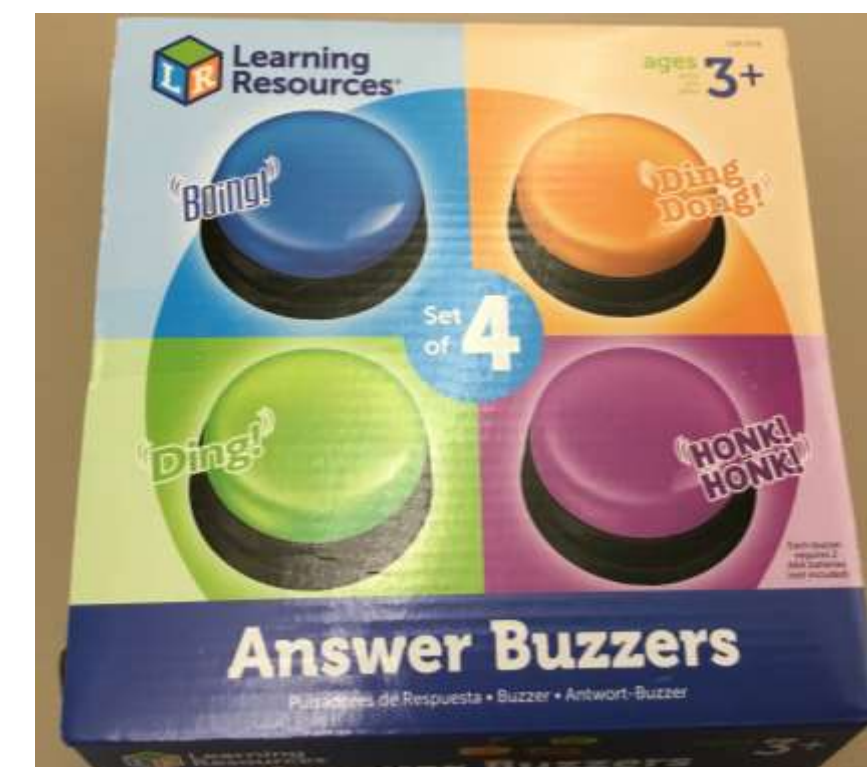
HOW TO PLAY

- Form teams of two
- Provide each team with a paper body game piece and body parts labeled with leadership qualities
- Begin trivia presentation
- The team who answers correctly adds a body part to their **Build a Leader**
- The first team to complete their leader wins a prize

“Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity.” - Kay Redfield Jamison

WHY GAMES

- Address difficult topics or introduce new topics in a fun way
- Low stakes and less intimidating
- Active learning
- Bring more voices to the table
- Encourages mixing and mingling among stakeholders
- Create a more inclusive environment with question design
- Can flatten hierarchies and level the playing field



CRITICAL LIBRARIANSHIP & GAMES

You can create a more inclusive environment through question design.

Games can help to impact the following areas:

Organizational Culture

- demystify organizational culture
- break down hidden barriers within the organization

Perceived Barriers

- open a dialogue with learners and allow their concerns to be heard
- potentially build allies

Learning

- questions can be inclusive of social justice issues
- learners are introduced to concepts encouraged to share their perspective



Google drive link: <https://bit.ly/2KBL2iO>

GAME DESCRIPTION

The second game, **Operate Your Research Skills** is as an outreach game to engage students. **Operate Your Research Skills** is extendable to other audiences.

CREATE YOUR GAME

- Make the game board consisting of trivia questions
- Number each trivia question
- Create a corresponding answer sheet
- Provide a version of the Milton & Bradley game *Operation*
- Design prizes stickers that read “Research Winner”



HOW TO PLAY

Set-up the *Operation* game on a box

- Bring along a box and a cloth to cover the box
- Ask students “Do you want to **operate your research skills**?”
- Students select a part from the *Operation* game
- The student who removes a body part from the *Operation* game without buzzing and who answers their trivia question earns a “Research Winner” sticker

OUTCOMES

Leadership can be a difficult topic to discuss.

Build a Leader is designed to open up discussions about leadership in a social atmosphere that is encouraging instead of intimidating.

Librarians are often asked to participate in outreach or tabling events. **Operate Your Research Skills** is a fun and exciting way to engage with students as you do outreach.

