Full-Circle Learning Distance Learning Unit Outline	Habit-of-Heart: Forgiveness
(For Teachers, Caregivers or Self-Guided Learners)	Elements included for Elementary through Grade 12  Mixed media for adaptability
Life Skills, Introductory Steps	
Age Levels: 6-Adulthood	Element 1 Take a Breath
Time: 5 minutes	Teachers, Caregivers or Self-Guided Learners
Resources:	
Printed introduction Video Readings Paper and pencil  Time 35 minutes  Resources  2 videos:  It Starts with a Breath Featuring René Sprattling and Drue Matthies  Your Breath is My Breath Sung by Renée Smith	<ol> <li>Listen to a video or read a script in which two people realize their basic connection</li> <li>Re-read it as a role play.</li> <li>Discuss the word forgiveness and practice breathing exercises to make this habit easier.</li> <li>Listen to a song to reinforce the theme.</li> </ol>

#### Music

#### Age Level

12 - Adulthood

#### Time

10 minutes

#### Resources

2 videos (links in unit) 2 audio songs:

"Consider This"
On *Gratitude* CD, Track 4, at www.fullcirclelearning.org

"When Somebody Wrongs You"
On *True Heroes* CD, Track 3, at www.full-circlelearning.org

#### **Objectives**

#### Students will:

- Explore music as a tool for forgiveness
- 2. Learn the science of sound waves
- 3. Experiment to make an instrument

# **Element 2 The Power of Song**

#### **Teachers, Parents or Self-Guided Learners**

- 1. Read stories, song lyrics and view videos about the power of music to promote healing and forgiveness.
- Discuss the role music has played in the life of the family.
- 3. Learn a song that helps promote forgiveness when you are feeling uneasy.
- 4. Learn about sound waves.
- 5. Find objects to make musical instruments

## **English as a Second Language**

#### Age Level

6 - Adulthood

#### Time

45 minutes – 1 hour

#### Resources

#### 2 Stories:

Breathe The Healers

#### **Objectives**

#### Students will:

- 1. Use stories, images and conversation to improve English skills.
- 2. Practice expressing or "reading" nonverbal concepts such **as** emotions, desires, goals and values.

# Element 3 Forgiveness Around the World

## Teachers, Parents or Self-Guided Learners will

- Use pictures and context clues to read stories in English.
- 2. They point to words in the story that show the objects or emotions conveyed in the stories.
- Check the pages that follow each story to see if they identified the word-pictures correctly.
- 4. Discuss the healing power of forgiveness.
- 5. Find phrases in the story that express feelings, inner thoughts, or concepts beyond easy description.

## **Linguistics, Mathematical** Reasoning

Age Level

14 - Adulthood

Time

45 minutes

Resources

Video:

Words as Tools (Script and Interview)

#### **Objectives**

Students will:

- Increase their phonemic awareness
   Use multilingual greetings
- 3. Discuss ways to convey abstract concepts in a new language.
- 4. Apply mathematical reasoning to linguistic development

### **Element 4 Words as Tools**

### **Teachers, Parents or Self-Guided** Learners will

- 1. Compare greetings in multiple languages and quiz a partner
- 2. Compare expressions of apology in multiple languages
- 3. Compare the words for common tools that begin with the same consonant
- 4. Read and discuss a video script about words as tools for forgiveness. (The written script should reinforce what they hear in the video.)
- 5. Create a mathematical probabilities table about your desire to learn languages

## **Conflict Resolution**

#### Age Level

6 - Adulthood

#### Time

35 minutes

#### Resources

Reading material News source Pledge sheet Pencils

#### **Objectives**

#### Students will:

- 1. Understand how to explain and apply the concept of restorative justice.
- 2. Practice the concept with the help of a pledge sheet.

# **Element 5 Restorative Justice**

## Teachers, Parents or Self-Guided Learners will

- 1. Read or tell a story about Restorative Justice.
- 2. Discuss the concept with family members or colearners.
- 3. Think of a conflict in a book you've read or a news story you've heard about. Role play it, applying Restorative Justice. Who will forgive and who will offer apologies and restorative actions?
- 4. Copy the Pledge Sheet and think about past, present and future situations in which it could enhance your sense of self-mastery.

## **Engineering Challenge**

#### Age Level:

10 - Adulthood

#### Time

35 minutes

#### Resources

Reading material Videos

#### **Objectives**

#### Students will:

- 1. Understand how ventilation works.
- 2. Demonstrate prototypes of ventilation for practical uses.
- 3. Relate ventilators to unconditional commitment of healers.

# Element 6 Forgiveness in the Air

- Read the background information about vents. List common uses for ventilation.
- 2. Devise vents for relevant purposes.
- Read the story or watch the video about the Afghan students' ventilators.
- Hold discussions about professions that require an oath of forgiveness.

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- 6. Think of Cut slits in recycled materials to create a vent
- 7. Read or tell a story about Restorative Justice.
- 8. Discuss the concept with family members or colearners.
- 9. Think of a conflict in a book you've read or a news story you've heard about. Role play it, applying Restorative Justice. Who will forgive and who will offer apologies and restorative actions?
- 10. Copy the Pledge Sheet and think about past, present and future situations in which it could enhance your sense of self-mastery.

## **Professional Ethics**

#### Age Level

12 - Adulthood

#### Time

45 minutes

#### Resources

Reading material Print out or separate paper, pen

#### **Objectives**

#### Students will:

- 1. Understand the role of forgiveness in caregiving
- 2. Practice prioritizing concern for the human family over vengeance and prejudice

## **Element 7 Taking an Oath**

## Teachers, Parents or Self-Guided Learners will

- 1. Practice making difficult choices that call for forgiveness
- 2. Learn about the oath physicians take
- 3. Interview health care workers about how they think about their work
- 4. Write a personal oath to care

#### Literature, Writing, Storytelling

#### Age Level

16 - Adulthood

#### Time

50 minutes for group work Variable time for writing and presenting

#### Resources

Reading material Paper, pencil

#### **Objectives**

#### Students will:

- Understand the relationship between characterization and plot sequencing in literature
- 2. See challenges as opportunities
- 3. Understand forgiveness on both a logical and emotional level

## **Element 8 A Need to Forgive**

- 1. Read the story, A Need to Forgive
- 2. Write or discuss responses to the questions
- 3. Write a fictitious story about a time you were able to forgive or to be forgiven.
- 4. Tell the story to a group or share it online. (Do not reveal personal information about others). Include a character arc in which the events challenge the characters and help them transform over the course of the story.

## Craftsmanship

### Age Level

All Ages

#### Time

Variable

#### Resources

Variable

### **Objectives**

#### Students will:

- Understand the importance of using inventiveness for the benefit of humanity, with unconditional caring
- 2. Apply the criteria for product evaluation

# Element 9 What Can You Do?

## Teachers, Parents or Self-Guided Learners will

- 1. Picture the unseen beneficiaries of their talents
- Imagine inventive gifts for society that help not only friends but those who have caused harm
- 3. Create and evaluate a prototype for a dream project

Preview or review, as needed

**Element 10 Glossary for Forgiveness**