



Objective: Students will understand the concept of Soft Skills and how they relate to their everyday lives.






Recommended Grade Level: 6

Materials:

- Handout : True Colors Comparison Sheet
- Handout: True Colors Traits

Time:

Lesson:

8 min.		Using a projector or classroom board, display the behavior traits of each color for all students. Have the students pair-share to discuss which color might best represent themselves.
15 min.		Lead a class discussion having students share what they previously discussed. Discuss both the strengths and weaknesses.
15 min.		The students will complete the <i>True Colors Comparison Sheet</i> based upon their predicted color. Do they still feel as if they chose the right color?
10 min		The students will reflect upon the lesson in their eDiary
Remaining Time		Give students their login information and have them begin taking True Colors. This information will be provided to teachers before the lesson is taught.

NOTE: Students need to complete True Colors online after the lesson. Repeat this lesson after students take the True Colors. Students which did not predict their color correctly must repeat the worksheet assignment.

True Colors Comparison Sheet

Step I: Students individually record the True Colors traits, previously identified by the class, in the left column. Identify both positive and negative traits.

Step II: Students, individually or in groups identify and record in the right column, school behavior which closely matches the animal behavior.

Name _____ Animal _____

Traits (behavior)	What are your school traits (behavior) which match those on the left?
I am aggressive. <i>Example</i>	I always run to get to the front of the line, even though I get in trouble. <i>Example</i>

True Colors Traits

Your Color is GOLD

At Home: You are generally very appreciative of your family. You enjoy holidays and family gatherings. You would never think of spending a holiday away from home. You may also enjoy planning family activities. You tend to want to feel useful and to belong to a traditional family environment. Your family tends to know that they can depend on you and that you will be helpful. You generally follow family rules.

At School: You tend to need set routines and organized ways of doing things; rules and directions are a great help to you. You generally prefer to stay on one topic at a time. You may need to know what the teacher expects of you, and most times you want to always know if you are doing your assignments correctly. You prefer subjects that are useful and traditional and may be more likely than any other color to have your work done well and on time.

With Friends: You generally prefer friends who are careful and not careless with money, books, or their belongings. You like friends who plan activities and outings ahead of time. You generally don't like to do things on the spur of the moment or without planning. You tend to appreciate friends who are loyal, dependable and punctual. You may care deeply about your friends and you show it in many practical ways.

Your Color is GREEN

At Home: Your family may see you as kind of a loner because you like to have a lot of private time to think. You tend to have no problem with following rules that you understand, but have a lot of problems following rules that don't make sense to you. You sometimes find family activities boring. You may show your love for family members by spending time with them, and sharing ideas and interests.

At School: You may become easily bored in classes that you don't find interesting. You may be a little worrisome in some classes because you are very curious, and will ask a lot of questions until you are clear. You tend to enjoy working alone. You may like to focus on your ideas until your desire for understanding is satisfied. You sometimes find it hard to set priorities because you find so many things interesting. You may seek knowledge, understanding, explanations and answers. You tend to like to analyze.

With Friends: You may prefer friends who are unique in their thinking. You tend to prefer "the beat of your own drum." This is because you tend to be a problem solver and a visionary. You may like friends that enjoy intellectual activities and who do not follow the crowd. You generally like people who are interesting and have high integrity. You value intelligence, integrity and justice in yourself and in others.

Your Color is BLUE

At Home: You tend to be happy and loving with family members. You enjoy being well thought of and may need frequent reassurance from your parents or guardian. You like to encourage family members when they are not doing or feeling well. You can be sensitive to rejection from family and usually don't like family conflicts.

At School: You tend to enjoy sharing, helping and sometimes inspiring others. You generally get along well with your teachers and are usually willing to volunteer to assist them in any way you can. You usually enjoy classes where you can work with others and share responsibilities. Your best environments seem to be those that allow you to contribute, encourage and show your care for others.

With Friends: In a social environment, you prefer unique and authentic people. You usually take friendship very seriously. You are generally the person that friends tell their secrets to because they feel they can trust you with them. You tend to look for perfect friendships, and find nurturing others very easy.

Your Color is ORANGE

At Home: With family, you like to see everyone just having fun. You tend to need a lot of space and freedom to let off energy and to create. Sometimes you find it very difficult to follow routine family rules. Your family may really appreciate your resourcefulness and your ability to come up with many solutions for a problem.

At School: You most enjoy classes that allow you to be "hands-on and that give you a chance to compete, perform, or put things together. You may have a hard time adjusting to routines and structure, which may cause problems for some of your teachers. You may also be very good at sports. You usually enjoy solving problems in active ways and negotiating with others for what you want. You may prefer to see results now rather than later.

With Friends: You tend to present new and exciting things for your friends to do. You may be fearless in your actions and friends rarely find you boring. Planning ahead of time does not usually appeal to you. You would rather do it when you think of it. This may be due to your wide variety of interests and the fact that you just don't know what you want to do ahead of time.