

# INITIATIVE



## THE FUEL THAT POWERS PROGRESS

**REVIEW ONLY**

Be self-motivated to work toward achieving goals.

### CREATE:

Bring something into being that didn't exist before.

### TRY:

Strive to do your best. Pursue your goals.

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PEOPLE WITH INITIATIVE:

- ⚡ Lead the pack
- ⚡ Raise their hands
- ⚡ Volunteer
- ⚡ Complete projects
- ⚡ Serve as role models
- ⚡ Reach goals
- ⚡ REALIZE DREAMS

### DISCIPLINE:

Use self-control. Schedule to reach your goals.

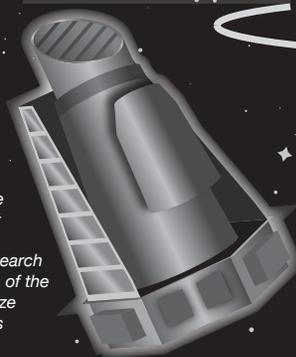
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### WORK:

Apply yourself. Achieve your goals.

## THE KEPLER TELESCOPE

*The Kepler Telescope is a brilliant example of Initiative! Launched by NASA in 2009, it required the initiative and collaboration of NASA, Ball Aerospace, and the Ames Research Center. It was designed to survey our area of the Milky Way Galaxy to detect and characterize hundreds of Earth-sized and larger planets in or near the habitable zone.*



### INFLUENCE:

Promote, persuade, distribute, or sell a service or product.

## ASSESS YOUR INITIATIVE:

- Your group project needs help with publicity, refreshments, and ticket sales. You would most likely
  - let everyone else choose and take what's left over.
  - let the group leader assign you to a task.
  - volunteer for the area you are most interested in.
  - volunteer for the area that your best friend chose.
- You have good mechanical abilities: You see an old, rusty bicycle in your uncle's garage. You would most likely
  - ask your uncle if you could restore it.
  - ask your uncle if you could sell it for scrap.
  - ask your uncle if you could ride it.
  - ignore it entirely.
- You need money to buy Christmas presents for your family. You would most likely ask your
  - parents to give you money.
  - parents to lend you money.
  - older brother to lend you money.
  - family and neighbors for odd jobs to earn money.

You'll find answers at the bottom of the page.

## REVIEW ONLY

 Improve the quality of life for someone else in the world with your project.

 Be the one to take the first step when you see a need to be met.

 Even if you think no one notices, keep working. You can be the next "overnight success!"

 Create something to brighten the world around you.

 Have the discipline to say no to worldly interruptions during your scheduled work time.

 Build upon the work of others and improve on it to make something new or better.

 Practice, practice, practice in order to give the world your best. When possible, take extra instruction and seek out others with similar abilities to improve your skills.

 Use social media and print methods to market your service or product.

 Regular volunteering helps others, improves your skills in that area, and gives you a sense of satisfaction.

 Promote your service or product by telling people you know, who in turn will tell others.

- C shows the most initiative because you are offering to work in an area of your interest.
- Choice A shows the most initiative because you show interest in using your abilities to renew something that doesn't belong to you.
- D shows the most initiative because you are willing to work to earn money rather than having it handed to you.

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