

DETERMINATION

Make a plan. Make it happen!

Whether it's raising your grade or making the team, you have to work hard and have determination to reach your goal.

My goal: _____

What I will do: _____

How I can motivate myself: _____

How I will reward myself: _____

Date I reached my goal: _____

Traits in Common

• How are determination and perseverance alike? _____

• How does motivation affect determination? _____

• How is determination affected by optimism? _____

REVIEW ONLY

School Datebooks

Learn from Lincoln

"If you are resolutely determined to make [something] of yourself, the thing is more than half done already."
- ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Everyone's heard of Abraham Lincoln, right? Well, if Lincoln didn't have determination, his name wouldn't mean anything to you. Consider this:

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Lincoln was defeated when he ran for the Illinois House of Representatives in 1832. But he was victorious in the House race in 1834, and was then re-elected for three consecutive terms.

He was defeated when he ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1843, then ran successfully for a House seat in 1846.

He was defeated for the Senate in 1855.

He was defeated for Vice President in 1856.

He was defeated for the Senate again in 1858.

Finally, in 1860, Lincoln was elected President of the United States.

• Who else do you know who has shown determination?

