Explore: What Kind of Person Do You Want to Marry?

At a Glance:
Jacob got a glimpse of Rachel's beauty and worked for seven years in order to marry her. When things did not turn out as he expected, he worked for seven more years for her. This activity helps students reflect on the qualities they hope for in their future married partners and also in their own lives. Students will rank the qualities in order and create a word picture, or wordle, to express their hopes.

Supplies Needed for Each Student:
- *Qualities of a Wonderful Partner* page
- blank paper to create wordle
- colorful pens and pencils
- *optional:* computer with internet access



Directions:

1. Is a person who looks attractive but behaves selfishly, truly beautiful or handsome?
2. What about a person who is not especially attractive, but who is kind and thoughtful?
3. What makes a person beautiful?
4. Distribute *Qualities of a Wonderful Partner* page.
5. Complete the page.
6. Distribute paper, pens and pencils and create wordles.
7. *Optional:* Explore wordles online at www.wordle.com. This website offers a choice of fonts, special effects, etc. Wordles may be printed but some special effects do not work in print.
8. Working on becoming a beautiful person helps prepare for marriage in the future.

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QUALITIES
OF A WONDERFUL PARTNER

Jacob worked seven years for Rachel, the beautiful woman he hoped to marry. When things did not go as planned, Jacob continued to work for seven more years for Rachel. Jacob's devotion to Rachel pictures the devotion and hard work it takes to become a wisely loving person—like the kind of person many people would hope to marry.

Qualities
Circle 10-12 words in the box below (or add your own) that describe qualities you would like your future husband or wife to have.

artistic	trustworthy	outgoing	optimistic	athletic	funny
kind	motivated	strong	supportive	caring	friendly
brave	fun	sweet	thoughtful	talented	gentle
generous	joyful	dependable	hard working	reliable	smart
incredible	honest	reflective	good listener	patient	musical
devout	exceptional	cute	physically fit	happy	brilliant
humble	modest	cheerful	sophisticated	sincere	diligent
clever	beautiful	wealthy	loves children	upbeat	handsome

Rank
Decide which of these qualities is most important to you. Write each quality below in order of importance to you.

1.	5.	9.
2.	6.	10.
3.	7.	11.
4.	8.	12.

Create
Create a word cloud from the ranked qualities (see sample below). Make high ranking words larger and bolder and low ranking words smaller.



You can explore this activity further online at www.wordle.com. Look for a variety of color schemes, fonts, layouts and special effects!