

Plan

Look at the pictures. What field is each person in? What do you know about their level of education?



Donald Trump



Queen Latifah



Steven Spielberg

Prepare

A Group work Choose a field of work or study. Then each student chooses a well-known person in this field. Use these questions and your own questions to research the person.

Did the person attend university? Did he or she graduate?

How long did he or she study?

What was his or her major?

What are some of his or her personal qualities?

B Group work Discuss these questions. Based on your findings, do you think book smarts or street smarts are more important for success?

How was the person's education important for success?

Did his or her choice of major make a difference?

Did the person succeed without much education? If so, how?

Present

Class activity Have a debate. Team A argues that education is more important. Team B argues that experience is more important. Use your research to support your argument. Try to convince the other team that you're right!