

## Get Started with ThinkUp! Teacher Edition

To start, have students write their names on their books where it says **This book belongs to** on the back cover.

A badge is a symbol that represents an idea that would be hard to see otherwise. On the back cover you'll see a series of badges that represent the **9 Traits of Critical Thinking™**. Choose one of these traits and discuss with your students why that badge was chosen to represent that idea. Students can also view the traits on the back cover of their Student Editions.

## Activity Directions

1. Hand out the student activity sheet.
2. Tell students that they are also a collection of many traits, so now it is their turn to create a badge that represents them.
3. Direct students to think about what picture(s) they would use to represent themselves. Have them draw their own badge in the circle on the student activity sheet.
4. Once completed, have students share their pictures:



**Reflect:** In this classroom, we will review our thoughts and experiences to guide our actions. Use the lines below your badge to describe how this badge represents you.



**Communicate:** In this classroom, we will use clear language to express our ideas and share information. Share your badge with three future friends and describe why that badge represents you.



**Collaborate:** In this classroom, we will be collaborating with others to achieve better outcomes. After speaking with three friends, what strengths do you notice in our classroom?

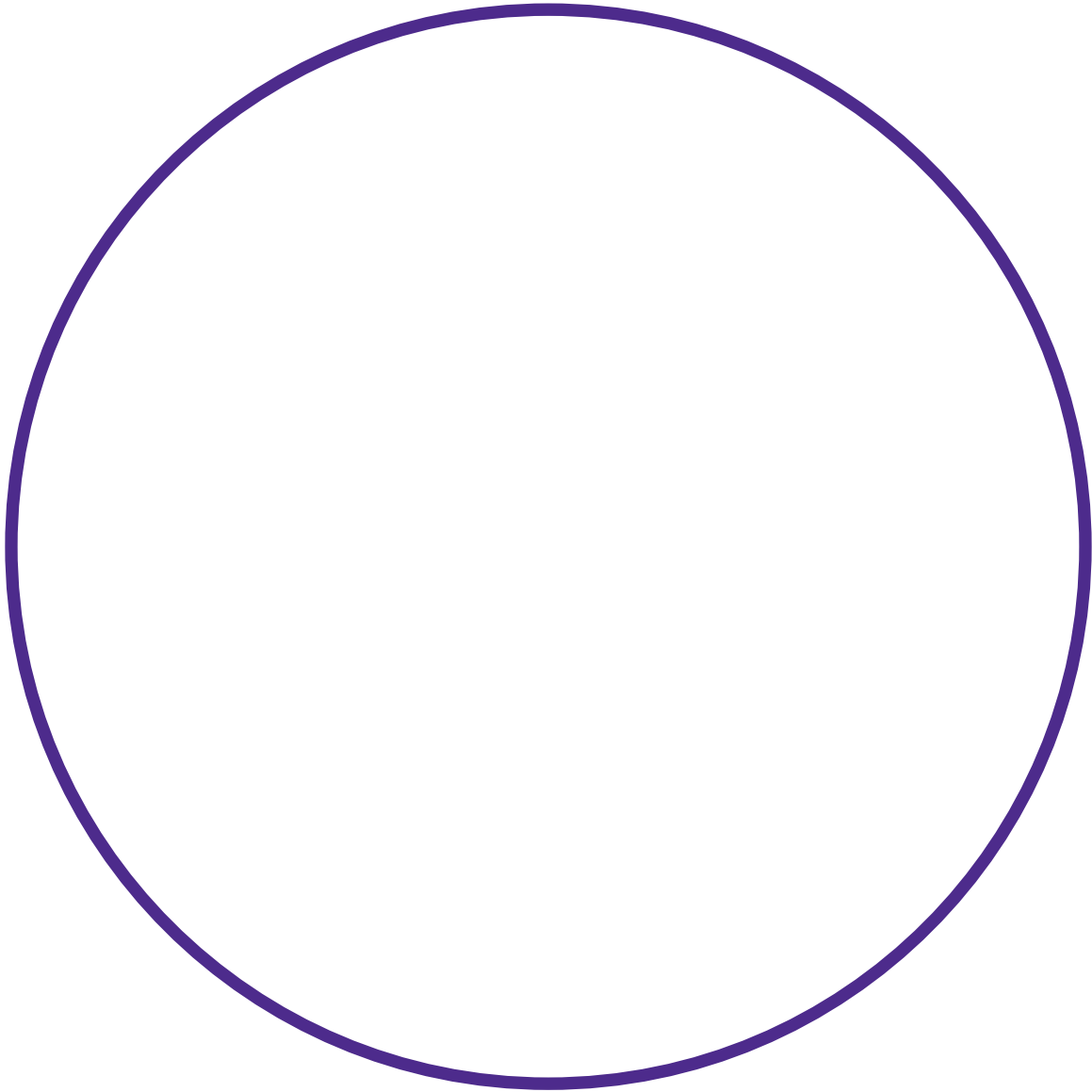


## We love to see how students interact with our resources!

Take photos of your students' work, share them on social media, and tag @mentoringminds. Each month, we will choose a winner who tagged us in these activities to receive a prize pack!

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Get to Know You Activity



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