

## Reformers Speed Dating

**Antebellum Reform period:** The years between 1820 and 1865 in the United States can be described as a long era of reform, marked by strong desire to change individuals and society as a whole. The movements that arose during this period focused on specific issues including: temperance, abolitionism, changes in incarceration, women's and workers rights, and establishing social welfare agencies and public schools.

For this exercise you will accurately assume the character of an early nineteenth century reformer. You will then engage in 2-minute conversations with other reformers, trying to learn the most you can about them while also "selling" yourself. To prepare, you must research your assigned individual and answer the following six questions, creating a written résumé that includes a picture, dates of life, and information that answers the questions. You may also bring items that help identify your character—something from your individual's past or present. (Creativity will be applauded)

**Résumé:** Each resume must include the following: Name, picture, dates of life, basic family info, education, background, occupations, known associations (with a definition), notable accomplishments, and 3 references. Each resume must also have a "job sought" paragraph at the top. This must be between 3-6 sentences long and should include long term goals and other pertinent information. **\*\*It must be in proper resume format!\*\*** You will also answer following questions in the voice of the reformer. These must be typed.

### Questions:

1. What is the greatest injustice in America today?
2. What methods could be used to improve American life?
3. What success did the individual have in promoting reform?
4. What is your greatest accomplishment?
5. How do you hope history remembers you?
6. To what extent were you obsessed with achieving an impractical goal through fanatical or impractical means?
7. What lasting impact did your reforms have on American society?

### Individuals:

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| 1. Angelina Grimke        | 11. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow | 21. Lyman Beecher          |
| 2. Brigham Young          | 12. Herman Melville            | 22. Margaret Fuller        |
| 3. Charles Finney         | 13. Horace Mann                | 23. Mother Ann Lee         |
| 4. Dorothea Dix           | 14. John Audubon               | 24. Nathaniel Hawthorne    |
| 5. Dr. Sylvester Graham   | 15. John Brown                 | 25. Neal Dow               |
| 6. Elizabeth Cady Stanton | 16. John Greenleaf Whittier    | 26. Ralph Waldo Emerson    |
| 7. Emma Willard           | 17. John Humphrey Noyes        | 27. Robert Owen            |
| 8. Frederick Douglass     | 18. Joseph Smith               | 28. Susan B. Anthony       |
| 9. Harriet Beecher Stowe  | 19. Lewis Tappan               | 29. Thomas Cole            |
| 10. Henry David Thoreau   | 20. Lucretia Mott              | 30. Walt Whitman           |
|                           |                                | 31. William Lloyd Garrison |