Leaders

Time Needed:
IA – 5 min  
Activity 1 – 40 min

Materials:
The Official FFA Student Handbook – one copy per student  
FFA.OH.2.2.AS.A – one copy per class  
Scissors  
Bag

Objective:
Name and identify key people in FFA and NFA history.

Interest Approach –
1. Ask students to name some of the founding fathers of the United States (i.e., George Washington, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, etc.). Then ask students the role that each of these men played in the start of our country.
2. Explain to students that just like the United States has founding fathers, the FFA has “founding fathers,” or men who played a key role in the implementation of FFA/NFA. Students should be prepared to learn about these individuals today.

Activity 1 –
1. Students will read pages 10-11 in The Official FFA Student Handbook about key individuals in the history of FFA/NFA.
2. After students have completed their reading, they will need to divide into pairs. One person from each pair will need to come to the front of the room and draw a name (FFA.OH.2.2.AS.A) out of the bag.
3. Each pair will create a two-minute presentation about the selected person. The presentation could be in the form of a poster, song, interview or short skit. Allow students 10 minutes to create their presentations.
4. Students will then present the information in front of the class. Students in the audience should take notes on the important facts from the lives of these individuals.

Additional Resources:
FFA.OH.2.2.ASSESS
FFA.OH.2.2.ASSESS.KEY
FFA.OH.2.2.AS.B (to review additional information from the history of the FFA/NFA)
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   **Mail Order Band**

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   **Members' needs were changing.**

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   **$528,000**

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   **Same as the FFA emblem except it was backed by a boll of cotton instead of a cross-section of an ear of corn.**

8. Why were FFA and NFA two separate organizations?
   
   **Schools were segregated at the time, so African-American schools had the NFA and white schools had the FFA.**

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