

Understanding Character: The Life of Percy Julian

Final Assignment Instructions

In this lesson, you have learned about Percy Julian's character, and about perseverance. You will now write an essay that demonstrates what you have learned and what you have inferred about Julian's character. You will need a printout of your notes.

- **Choose** one of the topics below and **write** an essay.
- **Organize** your response so that it includes at least three supporting details that you have learned from the reading passage, videos, and other materials in this lesson.
- **Use** at least three vocabulary words (or a form of the words) as part of your supporting details.

Essay Topics

1. Describe three challenges Percy Julian faced throughout his life, and how he overcame them. What does this tell you about Percy Julian's character?
2. Julian said it would be wrong for his family to leave Oak Park. He could have said it would be sad, shameful, or depressing, but he chose the word wrong. Knowing what you know about Julian's character, why do you think he saw it as wrong?
3. Think of another character in literature or history, or a person you know, who persevered in spite of a challenge. Describe a specific event in the person's life, and tell how you can infer this person has this trait from what happened.

Vocabulary Words

character
infer
persevere
racism
trait