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Exciting Your **OPPORTUNITY FILTER**

or the options you recognize and implement to achieve success in life



Mr. Fundy's
Read-to-Succeed
CHALLENGE

Introduction

Let me introduce you to a new friend, *carpe diem*. In Latin, this often-quoted phrase means, “seize the day.” That’s exactly what pathways open up for us to cross over as enthusiastic readers who recognize, implement, and achieve our success-covered opportunities waiting to be revealed. Alright, let’s bring this to life. You enter a dimly lit room and see in the distance, a box with a veil draped over it. The veil has your name on it, so you know what’s inside the box is specifically for you. You’re thrilled. Here’s the catch. You must walk across a tightrope — complete with a safety net below — to lift the veil and open the box. Your heart is pounding. Fearful of an unlikely but possible fall, you never take that first step. Sound familiar?

Keep in mind, the opportunities we leave behind are available for someone else to pick up. When it comes to favorable moments, the window of opportunity closes as soon as we walk away from them. But a good book with a great storyline and unbelievable ending can motivate us to move in when our emotions scream at us to move away. This is particularly true when an author shares a step-by-step account of how to push through in spite of the obstacles in front of us.

Important Action Steps

1.

Write down three *carpe diem* or “seize-the-day” moments that a good book encouraged you to pursue when giving up seemed like your only option. Be reflective and make each *carpe diem* moment personal to you.

Example: “*Carpe Diem Moment #1* I could relate to a book that I read about a kid who moved to a big city and felt afraid to make new friends. *Carpe Diem Moment #2* She was quiet, like me, but one day took the chance to sit with other girls during lunch at school. *Carpe Diem Moment #3* How she handled that moment provided me with the opportunity to make friends at my new school.” — Cindy L.

Carpe Diem Moment #1

Carpe Diem Moment #2

☉ Carpe Diem Moment #3

2.

Opportunities and options go hand in hand like peanut butter and jelly. They're sticky, sweet, and delicious to the taste buds and success palate, on "bread" of course. An inspirational book can upgrade your *opportunity filter* through the appetite of chance, aptitude of choice, and application of change. List three opportunities in which reading allowed you to savor-the-flavor of a successful outcome. Be descriptive and make each flavorful opportunity personal to you.

Example: "Starting a business as a single-parent mother of three young kids after reading a book on entrepreneurship has been such a blessing, personally and economically." — Jennifer R.



☉ Flavorful Opportunity #1

☉ Flavorful Opportunity #2

☉ Flavorful Opportunity #3

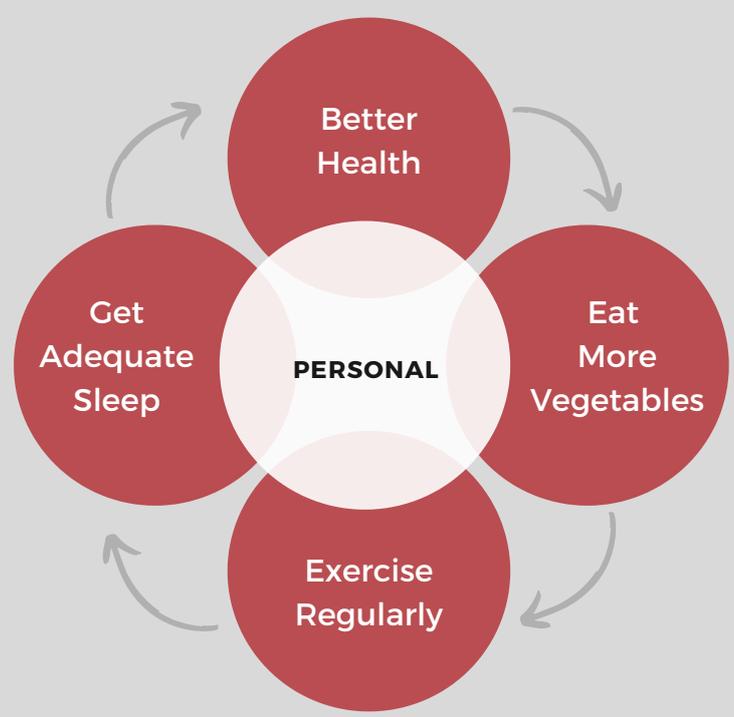
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It's time to shine in this *Reading the Real You* activity lesson. Here, you'll present three opportunities that stretch you beyond your comfort zone. The first goal should be *personal*, the next *educational*, and the last one *relational*. Follow the examples below to get started. Be sure to add your special "purpose kicker" that explains the "why" or reason behind each *Reading the Real You* goal. You got this!

Example

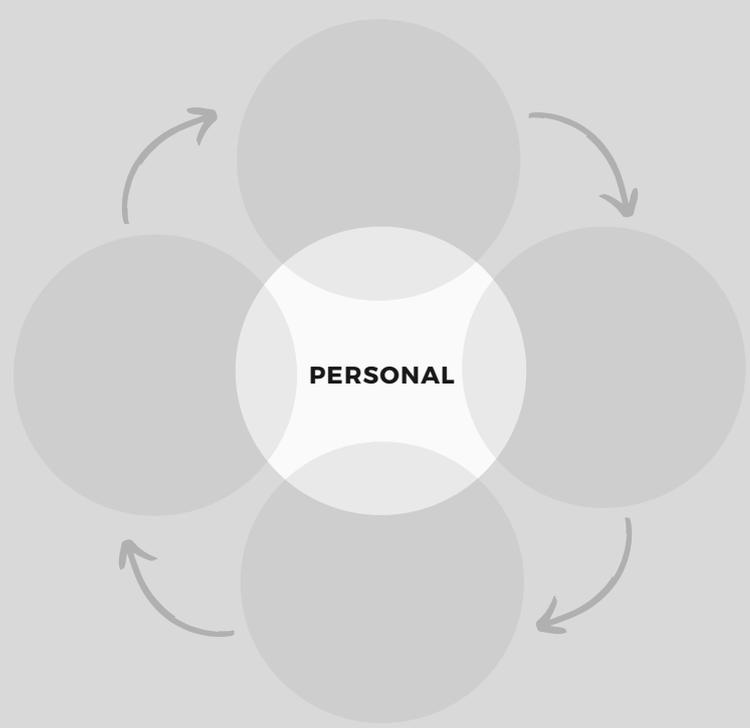


Mary W.



PURPOSE KICKER:
I need to be around for my grandkids.

Your Turn!



PURPOSE KICKER:

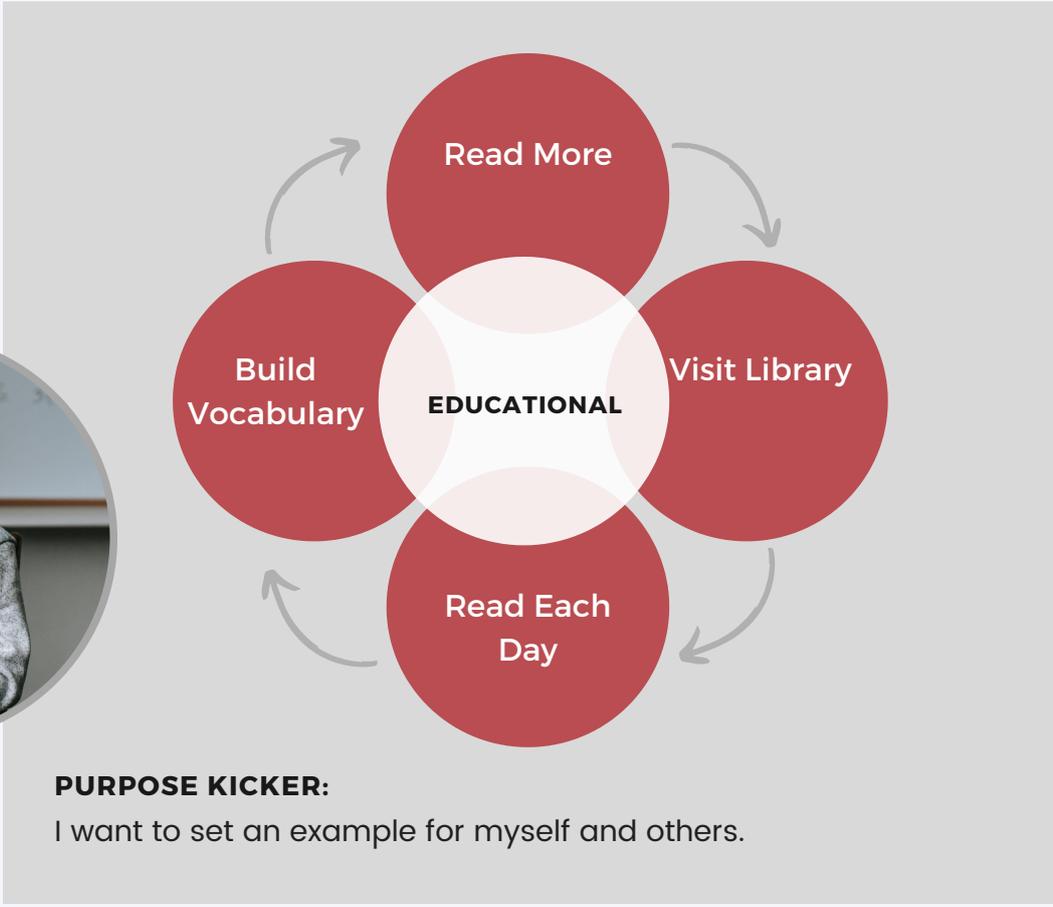
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Next up, educational. Good job and keep going! Again, follow the example below and be sure to add your special "purpose kicker" that explains the "why" or reason behind each *Reading the Real You* goal.

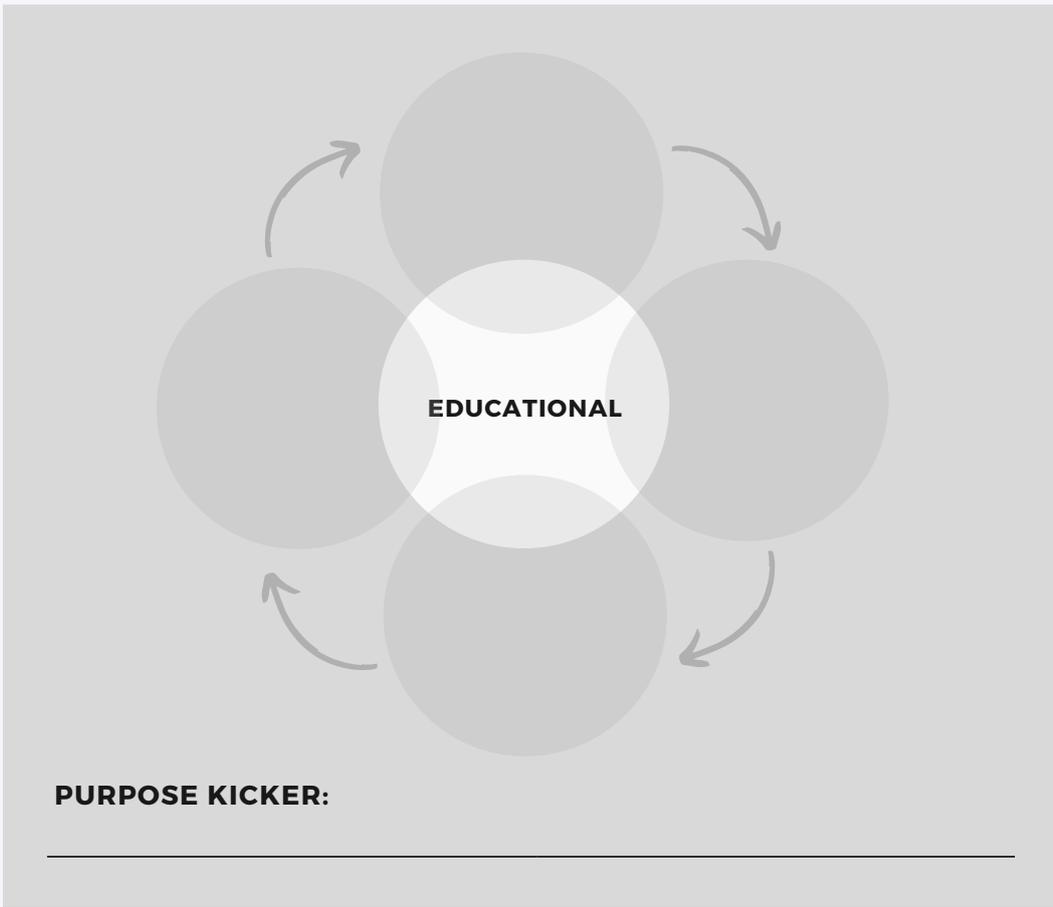
Example



Rodney G.



Keep Going!



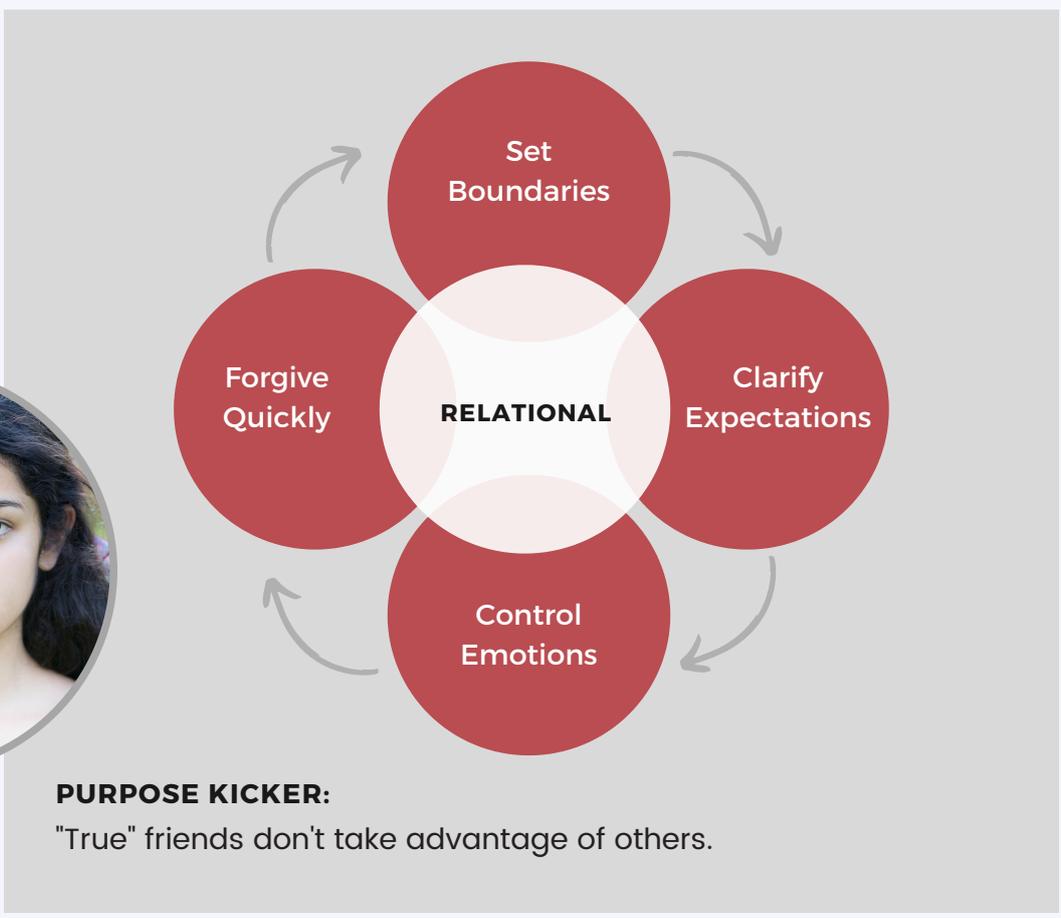
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One more activity to go to excite your *opportunity filter*. The focus here is *relational*. Identify what you'd like to change (or improve) and which steps need to be taken to achieve your goal. Of course, don't forget your "purpose kicker" or reason behind the goal. Go for it!

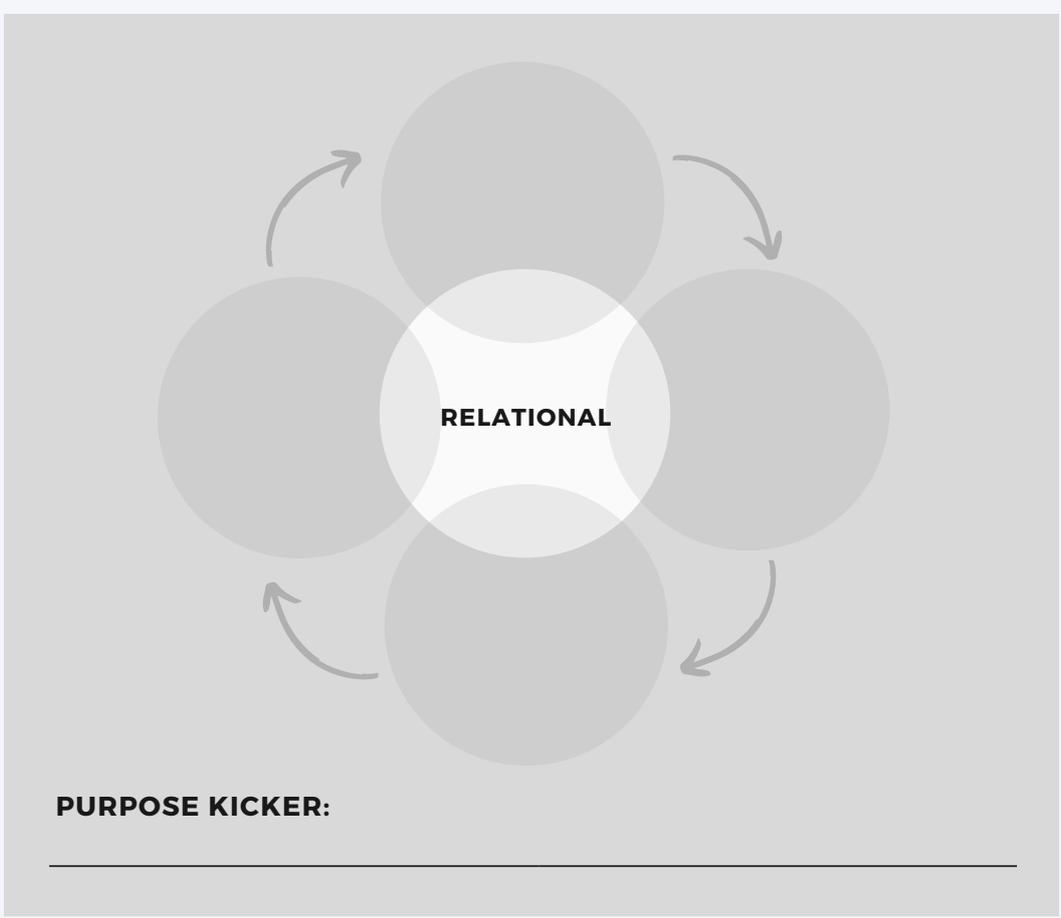
Example



Emily R.



Way to Go!



Be sure to move on to worksheet #3, *Enhancing Your Accessibility Filter*.