

## The Big Question

### School-to-Home Connection

What are worthwhile goals? How do people achieve them? Each person could have a different answer. The famous businesswoman, C.J. Walker, set goals for herself. One of them was to help other women become successful in business. The goals of some people might be more personal. Someone might want to be a better friend, or learn to play the guitar. Talk with people around you about their goals. How are they like your own?

#### ACTIVITY: Identify Personal Goals

**Directions** Talk to a parent or other adult at home about what makes a good person. Then think about the personal goals you can set to become a better friend, family member, or citizen. Use what others tell you, and your own thoughts, to fill in the chart. It already contains one idea you can use or delete.

Worthwhile Personal Goals	
1. be loyal to friends and family	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

#### ACTIVITY: Set Family Goals

**Directions** Speak with adults at home about a goal they want your family to achieve. Discuss what would be required to reach this goal and how it would benefit the family. On a separate sheet of paper, write a short essay about this goal and what it will take to achieve it. Predict how reaching this goal would change your family.

#### ACTIVITY: Achieve Life's Goals

**Directions** Interview a person at home about a goal he or she set earlier in life and then achieved. It might be something small and personal or a large goal related to work or the community. Write a list of questions for the interview. You can use the questions below to get started, but add questions of your own. Record your interview and play it for classmates or other members of your family.

1. What was your goal?
2. Why did you want to achieve it?
3. How did you achieve this goal?
4. How long did it take you to achieve your goal?
5. After you achieved the goal, did you still think it was worthwhile? Why?