

## Positive Proverbs and Statements

*Choose one. Illustrate it. Write a story in which it is the central message. (CCSSW3)*

1. The future depends on what we do in the present. Mahatma Gandhi
2. Where there is hope, there is life. Where there is life there is possibility, and where there is possibility, change can occur. Jesse Jackson
3. Never be afraid to sit awhile and think. Lorraine Hansberry
4. Life is a promise; fulfill it. Mother Teresa
5. Do good, and don't worry to whom. (Mexico)
6. It takes two to make the quarrel, but only one to end it. (Nicaragua)
7. A clever person turns great troubles into little ones and little troubles into none at all. (China)
8. Our children must never lose their zeal for building a better world. They must not be discouraged from aspiring toward greatness, for they are to be the leaders of tomorrow. Mary McLeod Bethune
9. One minute of patience can mean ten years of peace. (Greece)
10. From small beginnings come great things. (America)
11. You already possess everything necessary to become great. (Crow)
12. It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness. (Ancient Rome)
13. Every future is not far away. (Arab)
14. Give me leverage, and I will move the Earth. (Greece)
15. Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped. (Kenya)
16. Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. Thomas Edison
17. Success is a journey, not a destination. Ben Sweetland
18. By learning you will teach, by teaching you will learn. (Latino)
19. The habit of thinking is the habit of gaining strength. (Nigeria)
20. In youth we learn; with age we understand. (Mexico)
21. He who does not know one thing knows another. (Kenya)
22. Sometimes you have to give a little in order to get a lot. Shirley Chisholm
23. The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
24. Everyone is the age of her heart. (Guatemala)
25. No one tests the depth of the river with both feet. (Ghana)
26. The hunter in pursuit of an elephant does not stop to throw stones at birds. (Uganda)
27. Habits are cobwebs at first, cables at last. (China)
28. Learn about the future by looking at the past. (Tamil)
29. It's easy to light the candle of another without jeopardizing your own. (Denmark)
30. Light your lamp first at home, then at the mosque. (Islamic)
31. When a man finds no peace in his heart, it is useless to look for it elsewhere. (France)
32. The world exists on three things: truth, justice, and peace. (Hebrew)
33. A sponge to wipe away the past; a rose to sweeten the present; and a kiss to greet the future. (Arab)
34. The future is born today. (China)
35. A good, well lived today makes every yesterday a dream of a good future, and every morning is a vision of hope. (Sanskrit)
36. Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom. George Washington Carver

## Calendar of Wisdom

Make a calendar of wisdom—choose a different proverb or saying for each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The future is born today. (China)	He who does not know one thing knows another. (Kenya)	It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness. (Ancient Rome)	Everyone is the age of her heart. (Guatemala)	Life is a promise; fulfill it. Mother Teresa