More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

PEI - {MWD} Body {D2} People

Word - I/S, Math - I, Body - I/S, People - S, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic		[Definition of "hero?"](#) "a person who is admired for great or brave acts or fine qualities." That sounds anticlimactic in an era of superhero/comic book movies, yet appropriate	Put together a crossword puzzle or word search using some of the descriptions of the heros. (see pdfs)

		for the folk described in this passage. V. 12:1 - The cloud of witnesses is like the dead heroes who surround Harry Potter before he offers himself as sacrifice to the Dark Lord, encouraging him, and staying with him. http://cep.calvinseminary.edu/sermon-starters/proper-15c/?type=the_lectionary_gospel#sthash.KPjcUZR6.dpuf	
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical		The logic of this piece, with the rest of chapter 11, seems to be something like this: Faithful people through Israel's history have done great things and have gone through terrible things because of their faith, and they died any way. This might be tragic and empty, except for Jesus, who did great things and suffered crucifixion and died because of his faith -- and was RESURRECTED! Therefore, we, who follow him, and join with them, should do likewise.	
Body - Kinesthetic		Like Olympic athletes whose events are the first day, one-and-dones, and who stay around to cheer on their teammates. **NPR**	Interpretive movement? We have a script! (see pdf)
Musical			
Natural			
People - Interpersonal			Are there situations you

			are going through or have gone through that echo these trials of the martyrs? How can you demonstrate your faith to those who would harm you in a way that is a testimony to Jesus? What would be some goals of bearing witness to tormentors? [showing love; making peace / reconciliation; give glory to Christ] What steps might you take to prepare?
Self - Intrapersonal			Consider: There is a lot of emphasis on faith as the motivation for the saints who did great stuff and underwent terrible stuff. Is that the same faith? Does it work differently in those two situations? What is similar and what is different about the faith to do and to be done to?