



## Benjamin Carson, M.D. Activities/Discussion

1. Carson believes you can turn your dreams into reality. What are your dreams? What are you doing to ensure your dreams will come true?
2. Carson successfully separated the Binder twins who were joined at the back of the head. Research the Binder twins. Where are they now?
3. Using the internet, trace Carson's career path to become a neurosurgeon. What does it take to become a neurosurgeon?
4. Read Ben Carson's autobiography "*Gifted Hands*". Use the following questions after reading. Students can work in groups for this activity. A quiz on the autobiography is attached.
  - Ben Carson took pride in his listening skills. Why is being a good listener important?
  - Much of "*Gifted Hands*" focuses on Ben's work ethic. He shares, "The length of time on the job doesn't matter, for it's true even with a summer job. If you work hard and do your best, you'll be recognized and move onward." Do you agree or disagree?
  - Ben felt that we create our own destiny by the way we do things. We have to take advantage of opportunities and be responsible for our choices. Why is this important?
  - When Curtis was in junior high school, his school counselor placed him a vocational program of studies. Mrs. Carson asserted herself by going to the school insisting that he be placed in a college prep courses. What was the counselor implying by her actions?