

Personal Identity Memoir Common Task Quarter 1

*With myself I share my past,
a history of triumphs not forgotten
but evolving, making way for a present being
unknown to me now, until I uncover myself again later.*

—Rebecca Ruppert Johnson

Activity Title: Personal Identity Character Sketch

Purpose of Activity: You will develop a fuller understanding of your personal identity and inform your audience about how your experiences and aspects of your identity impact your daily life. Through the *Personal Identity Character Sketch* individuals communicate ideas with each other and have the opportunity to explore other perspectives and realities in order to break down barriers and create community.

Task: Using your levels of culture and chosen identity graphic organizer, create a *Personal Identity Character Sketch* focusing on the intersectionality of your culture and another way that you identify yourself (your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, class or another identity factor not listed here).

Content: Your final product should include exploration of the following questions:

- How do you define yourself culturally?
- What is the secondary way of defining yourself?
- How does intersectionality impact the way you identify yourself?
- How do other people view you and how do these perceptions impact your identity?
- How do these aspects of your identity shape your experiences?

Format: This project may take the form of a documentary video, a prezi or slideshow presentation, a book chapter, song, poem, or picture book.

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