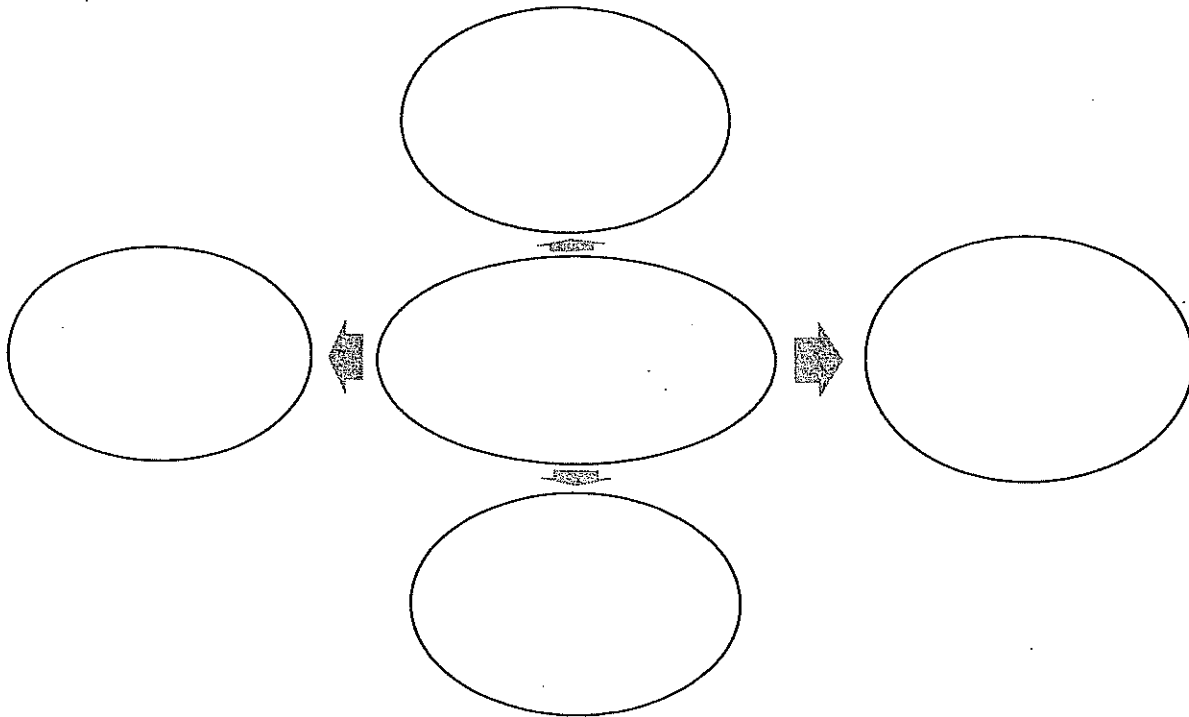


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Circles of My Multicultural Self

This activity highlights the multiple dimensions of our identities. It addresses the importance of individuals self-defining their identities and challenging stereotypes.

Directions: Put your name in the center circle of the structure below. Write an important aspect of your identity in each of the satellite circles – an identifier or descriptor that you feel is important in defining you. This can include anything – for example: French, African American, female, athlete, musician, scientist, artist, Buddhist, Jewish, cheerleader, NHS member, or any descriptor with which you identify.



1. Share a story about a time you were especially proud to identify yourself with one of the descriptors you used above. You only need to write a sentence or two.

2. Share a story about a time it was especially painful to be identified with one of the identifiers or descriptors you used above. You only need to write a sentence or two.

3. Name a stereotype associated with one of the groups with which you identify that is NOT consistent with who you are. Fill in the following sentence:

I am (a/an) _____, but I am NOT (a/an) _____.

**So if one of my identifiers was "blonde," and I thought a stereotype was that all blondes are dumb, my sentence would be:

I am a Cheerleader, but I am NOT dumb.

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Comparing and Contrasting Two Individuals

Introduction: Comparing and contrasting two individuals is a good way to learn more about both of them. Often, you'll be surprised to find out that two people are more alike, or more different than you thought.

Directions: Write the names of the individuals you are comparing and contrasting on the lines, you and your partner. Then under the names, list characteristics that make each of you unique. In the center area, list characteristics that you and your partner share. Characteristics you might consider for how you are the same and how you are different include age, gender, religion, favorite food, favorite hobbies (games, sports, movies, etc.), brothers and sisters, pets, where you live, color and style of hair, eye color, birthplace, and whatever else you can think of. You must have at least 10 characteristics for yourself and at least 5 that you share with your partner.

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| _____ Name | _____ Name |
| How are you different from your partner? | How are you different from your partner? |
| How are you and your partner alike? | |