

Understanding How Students See Themselves: A List of Questions

- Who are you? Do you know who you are?
- What's your name? What does it mean?
- What are your cultural identities? (Think about how cultural identities typically have beliefs, languages that are used, literature read and written, power structure/social organization, rites of passages, rituals, traditions, celebrations, practices and a history.)
- How would you describe yourself to someone who didn't know you?
- What would your other teachers say about you?
- What would your family say about you?
- What would your friends say about you?
- What do you read, write, or think about in your home and community?
- How are people like you depicted in society and in the media?
- How might you describe your culture or ethnicity?
- How is science, math, social studies, or English language arts important in your culture/ethnicity?
- Do you feel that my teaching reflects your culture? If yes, how? If not, how could it be improved?
- If you could take me somewhere to help me understand your culture/ethnicity, where would you take me?