

IDENTITY BOOK PROJECT

For this assignment, you are required to take an in-depth look at yourself. Your Identity Book will consist of a minimum of 8 sections, a front and back cover, a title page and a table of contents. You must complete the 6 activities in the required section and you may choose any 2 activities from the “Optional” section.

Regardless of which sections you decide to complete, each one is required to have both a written component and a visual component. You will be given class time during Writing Workshop for this assignment. Some of the visual work and good copies may need to be completed at home.

Your Identity Book will be evaluated for both visual and written communication. Upon completion, an oral presentation focussing on a few sections of your Identity Book will also be required. Rubrics will be discussed and generated in class. Peer editing and evaluation will also be a component.

All rough work will be placed in your writing folder and will be put together for the final project. Think ahead about the format of your book and the materials you will require. Binders or scrapbooks may be used as well as bristolboard or coloured paper. Some identity book formats have been discussed and shown in class.

I look forward to learning new things about all of the students in my class!

Section	Due Date	Guidelines
Type of Book		Binder, scrapbook or other format
Front Cover		Binder, scrapbook or other format
Title Page		Will be completed at school using Print Shop.
Table of Contents		Typed and numbered according to the order of your pages.
Physical Me		What do you look like when you see yourself in the mirror? How tall are you? What distinguishing features do you have? This section of your Identity Book should show facts about you as a physical person. Facts such as age, gender, eye colour, hair colour, and clothing or accessories you wear should be included. You should also write about things that make you unique...your smile, your walk, the kind of clothes you wear. Make sure your descriptions are detailed, using plenty of adjectives to help us visualize what you look like. Including a picture of yourself (photo, illustration) would be a nice addition to your book.
Creative Me		Are you creative? Before you answer this question, you should know that creativity comes in many shapes and sizes. You don't necessarily need to be able to draw to be creative! You could take some photographs; make a video; write a story, poem or song; design some clothes; draw plans for a house; bake a cake, cookies or pie; and so on. Express your creativity in any way that suites you the best.

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Life Map/Time Line		This section should be in your own creative form of a map. This map is one of your life and the events and places involved in your growing up so far. The life map should include place, date of birth, several important parts of your life so far (with illustrations), current information, future plans, career goals, family plans, etc. Use your imagination and a lot of colour to visually tell about those key points in your life.
World Issues Me/ Questioning Me		What do you wonder about? In this section, write questions about life and world issues that are really important to you. Your questions may be concerning something that you worry about, something you wonder about, or simply dreams that you have. Your own illustrations or information from newspapers, magazines or online articles would be an excellent idea to include in this section.
My Biographer and Me		Your biographer must write at least 10 interesting sentences about you. These sentences should fill us in on things that we have not already learned in your Identity Book. See the Biographer handout for interview questions. Your partner will also create a comic strip version of you using Comic Life or Bitstrips for the visual component.
Grandparent Interview		See the handout for interview questions and details.
Optional Topic 1		See list of optional topics below. Choice? _____
Optional Topic 2		See list of optional topics below. Choice? _____
Back Cover		Binder, scrapbook or other format

Optional Topics (choose 2 from the following list):

1. Cosmic Me

Carefully research your zodiac sign and/or your star sign under the Chinese calendar. Create a reproduction of the symbol for your star sign, decorate the page with it and include the description of the personality for your sign. Comment on whether or not the description accurately depicts your character.

2. Future Me

This could be a paragraph titled “Me in 20 years...” describing your job, financial situation, places you would like to travel, leisure activities, and your friends and family. Or it could be a diary entry for a typical day when you are 23, 35 or 50 years old! Include a picture of yourself in a “future” setting.

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3. **My Family and Me**

You might collect and label photographs, make drawings, complete a family tree, or write a description of your whole family. You could write a short, true story describing what it is like to be part of your family. Is your family big or small? Does everyone in your family get along? Do your family members look alike? Perhaps there is some physical trait shared by everyone. Tell what makes your family special. You might want to talk about some family outings, vacations or holidays. You may even compare yourself to a fictional family from a book or TV show.

4. **Relaxing Me**

What are your favourite forms of entertainment, hobbies, sports, recreations? Do you like to spend time alone or with other people? Make a collection of headlines or pictures that reflect how you like to spend your spare time.

5. **People I Admire**

Some things can be learned about you from knowing the people that you admire. They could be famous people (past or present), political figures, athletes, musicians, family members or friends. Write some biographical notes about the person you admire the most. Include a picture of your mentor, and describe why you have the utmost respect for this person.

6. **Private Me**

Think of a way to show the you that nobody knows - your dreams, feelings, worries, thoughts or hopes. Write down what you think when you're alone and happy, angry, frustrated, scared, annoyed or energetic.

7. **What Makes Me Laugh**

What is so funny? Different people find different things funny. Do you like to watch comedies, cartoons or other funny programs? What are your favourites? Describe what makes you laugh. Make a collage of some of the jokes or comics that you think are funny or write your own funny story or comic. (Keep it clean and make sure to credit your sources.)

8. **Me Back When**

Take a look back at when you were younger. Tell funny or bittersweet stories, silly thoughts you had or things that made you afraid.

9. **Nature and Me**

What do you admire or enjoy about the natural world? Describe frightening moments, inspirations, animals you have known or special places you like to visit. Include any maps, photographs or drawings.

10. **Sports and Me**

What sports do you like best? Do you prefer to participate or to watch? Clip articles or pictures of great moments in your favourite sport or in your sports life.

11. **Pets and Me**

Do you have any animal friends? Describe what kinds of pets you have. How long have you had a pet? Are you responsible for taking care of your pets? Draw a picture or include a photo of your pet. If you don't have a pet, and could have any animal in the world, which one would you pick and why?

12. **Books and Me**

What is your favourite book? Briefly describe your favourite book and explain why you enjoy it so much. For this section, you could also write to the author and explain your reaction this novel, or design a new cover. Another suggestion would be to imagine that your favourite novel is being made into a movie. Make a poster to advertise this movie or choose actors to play the main roles. Give reasons for your choices.

FINAL DUE DATES:

(Note: Due dates for each of the writing pieces are listed in the table on the first page.)

Identity Book: _____

Oral Presentation: _____