



KNOW YOURSELF

THEY NOT LIKE "ME"

INTRODUCTION

Today, we will:

- * Reflect on a poem written by Joseph Green.
- * Think about topics and moments in your life you can write about.
- * Write a poem celebrating your individuality.



SEL CONNECTION



Today, we will practice **"Self-Awareness"** by reflecting on your individuality and celebrating who you are.





ICEBREAKER

WHAT IS CULTURE?



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WATCH A VIDEO

WHAT IS CULTURE?

Joseph Green, a father, partner, poet, and narrative disrupter, will lead our lesson today.





WHAT IS CULTURE?

Reflection prompts

- I can relate to...
- Something that stood out to me was _____ because...

Optional excerpts from the poem to reflect on:

- “I didn’t even have a name for my own pain”
- “I was blessed to have been awoken to a greater purpose in life”
- “Please do not silence your voice”





WHAT IS CULTURE?

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Work in groups to come up with your own definitions.





WHAT IS CULTURE?

CULTURE

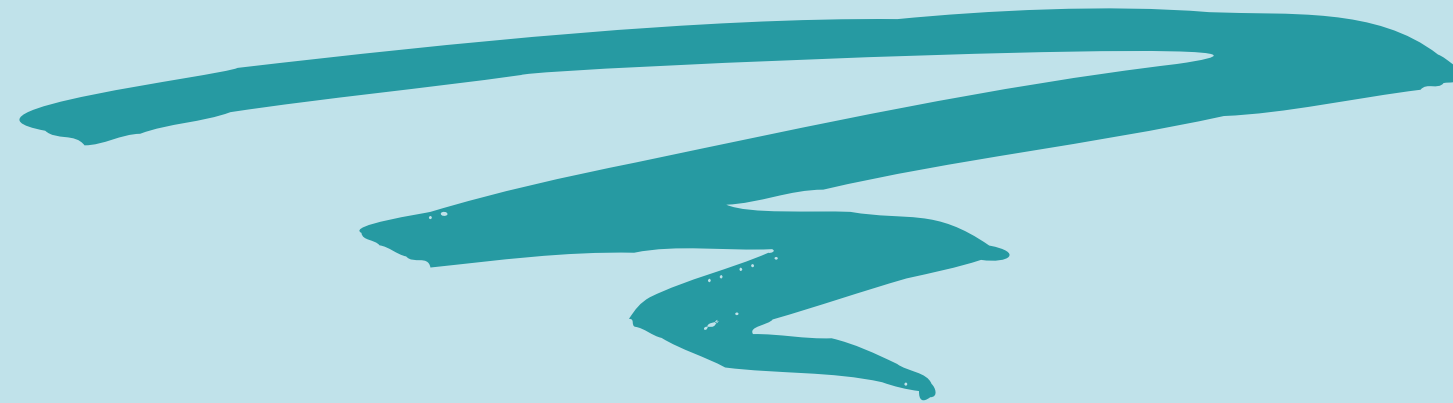
The customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group.





LESSON PART ONE

PICK A LANE



LESSON: PART ONE



PICK A LANE

LANE EXAMPLES

Family
Personal
Ethnic
Religious
School
City
Music

MOMENT EXAMPLES

Sunday breakfast
Sports practice
Before dinner walks
Gaming online
Friday Pizza Night
Ramadan



COLLECT THE MEMORY

- **Who** was involved
- **What** happened
- **When** in time did it happen
- **Where** the world were you
- **How** did it make you feel
- **Why** do you still remember it





COLLECT THE MEMORY

PAIR - SHARE

- 1) You will have two minutes to share your memory with a partner.
 - 2) If you finish sharing before the two minutes are up, your partner can ask questions about the memory you described.
- * If you're listening, remember to take notes so you can ask good questions!*





LESSON PART TWO

THEY NOT LIKE "ME"



THEY NOT LIKE "ME"

- It's time to start writing your poem!
- Write in whatever form you like — complete sentences, scattered thoughts, specific words, etc.
- Make sure you are writing your truth on paper!



LESSON: PART TWO



THEY NOT LIKE "ME"

PROMPT #1
My culture was/is...

PROMPT #2
They not like me, I'm...

PROMPT #3
Back in the day we...

PROMPT #4
I am made of...





DEBRIEF / EXTENSION



THEY NOT LIKE "ME"

Submit your poem to the We Do It 4 the Culture™ Poetry Slam & Share!

