Identity Interviews

1.) Who do you know that you admire?

Maybe you think what somebody does for work is interesting, or maybe you think that someone is a particularly kind person. This could be a parent, a friend, a cousin, a teacher, etc.

2.) Let this person know how you feel and that you would like to learn more about them and their views on the world. Schedule a time to talk.

3.) Here is a list of ten questions you could ask them.
   • What is most important to you in this world?
   • What or who do you consider to be your community?
   • What do you most value about this community?
   • What do you find most difficult or challenging about this community?
   • From whom did you learn your most important lessons?
   • What have you read or watched that influenced the ways you think and behave?
   • What does it mean to you to identify as (Jewish, Christian, Muslim, or other aspects of identity connected to belief, heritage, tradition, ethnicity, etc.)?
   • What does it mean to you to identify as (American, Canadian, Mexican, or other national identities)?
   • If you could change one thing in this world, what would it be?
   • If you could choose one positive thing in this world and make it grow, what would that be?

Add three questions of your own.

4.) Choose at least seven questions in total (including some of your own!) to use in the interview.

5.) Interview the person you admire.

Record the interview (if they grant you permission).
6.) After the interview, think about these questions, and take notes if it helps!

- What did you hear them say – What were their answers to the questions?
- What did you learn about them and about our world?
- What surprised you?
- What are your thoughts and feelings about what they shared?

7.) Write a 1-2 page essay telling us about the interview and about your impressions.

Or

Make a drawing or comic strip that reveals what was said and what you think.