

Student Background & Interests Surveys

Purpose: Learning is most meaningful when it feels relevant to our lives: our interests, our identities, our communities, and our experiences. This survey is an opportunity to share aspects of your life so I can try to make your learning experiences in this class feel more relevant and authentic. Every question in the survey is optional, so feel free to skip any questions you prefer not to answer!

SECTION ONE: ABOUT YOU

1. How would you describe yourself? (*This can include anything you feel is important about who you are: your background, identity, personality, or experiences*)

2. Describe the parts of your identity that feel most important to you/how you experience the world. (*Your identity might include your gender, race, religion, country of origin, language, age, disabilities, etc.*)

3. Is there something about you that people often misunderstand or can't tell just by looking at you?

SECTION TWO: INTERESTS & PASSIONS

4. What do you enjoy doing outside of school? (hobbies, extracurricular activities, community organizations, etc.)

5. What topics do you find yourself curious about or wanting to learn more about?

6. If you could design a class project around something you care about, what would it be and why?

SECTION THREE: YOUR READING EXPERIENCES

7. **What types of stories have you most often read in school? (You might consider the genre/types of stories you've read, what types of characters you've read, where the stories you've read have taken place, etc.)**

8. What types of stories (characters, settings, genres, etc.) would make you feel seen, understood, or engaged?

9. Is there anything else about your interests, experiences, identities, or community that you want to share?