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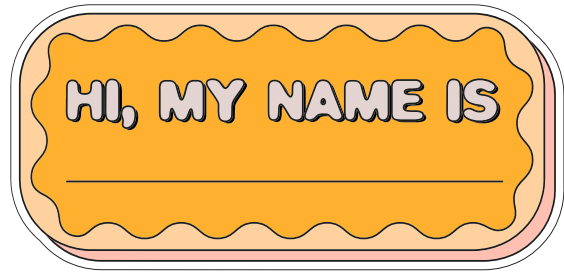


bell hooks was a Black, feminist writer. have you heard her name before? let's look at her name again:

bell hooks

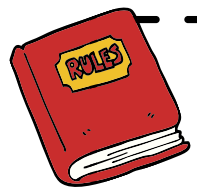
do you notice anything about how it is written? have you ever been told that you are supposed to capitalize the first letter in your first, middle and last names?

write your name however you want here, or draw something that represents you



bell hooks decided to write her name with lowercase letters so that people would focus more on what she wrote than on her as an author.

by doing this, bell hooks also broke a rule that adults created. what is a rule about how we are supposed to do things that you think is silly and would want to change?



so anyways, what did bell hooks write about? she wrote about a lot of important things, but there are three things we want to tell you about here:

LOVE IS an action

QUEER IS a different way of being

EDUCATION IS the practice of freedom



Love is an action

bell hooks wrote about how love is often seen as a "thing", or something you HAVE. but instead, she said we should see love as an action, or something you DO. actions of love are often actions that help us work towards social justice.

these are some examples we've seen of actions of love. are there others you can think of?



going to a protest



making handmade protest signs



going on strike and handing out flyers



making art about an idea that is important to you to raise awareness about it



running a fundraiser to support people experiencing injustice and putting up flyers about it




writing letters to, calling or emailing your representatives



queer is a different way of being

have you ever heard the word "queer" before? queer is a word that can mean a lot of different things to different people, which is beautiful! people who identify as queer often use the word to describe that they love people of the same gender as them. or sometimes that they or someone they love don't fit into the gender binary (the idea that there are two genders in the world - girls and boys - which isn't true!).

but some people, like bell hooks, thought about "queerness" as something broader, as a way of being yourself in the world that is different from others around you and that might not follow rules people have created about what you are "supposed to wear" or what you are "supposed to act like". she saw it as a way of being yourself where you are constantly recreating who you are and saying what you need to live a healthy, meaningful life. people's genders and who they love are still important parts of that, but it can also include recreating in other parts of life!



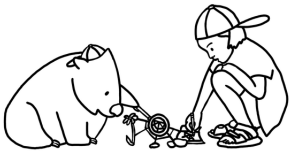
“queerness” helps us think about all of the possibilities in the world, that we maybe couldn’t think of before because they were different from what other people said existed or were true. We imagined these creatures in the spirit of “queerness”. what do you imagine?



add your own creature here!



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education is the practice of freedom

bell hooks writes about how education should help us make our world more just. that means that what we do in school should help us learn how to make the world outside school more fair for all people.

she calls this kind of education the “practice of freedom.” right now, the world we live in is not just. lots of people aren’t free to be themselves because of things like racism (the idea that one race is better than another) or ableism (the idea that people without disabilities are better than people with disabilities). education as the practice of freedom would mean that all people have access to education that helps them be healthy and safe, and that teaches them about things that are important in their lives. this kind of education would help all of us “practice” a better world inside school, so that we can build that world together.



collage activity

find someone around you to talk about a few things with before you make your collage:

- what is one thing that you need to be healthy and safe at school?
- what is something that one of your friends or classmates needs to be safe at school?
- what is something unfair that you have seen or heard about at school?

collage time! gather some magazines or other images, and make a collage to show us: what would school look like when you and your classmates are healthy and safe? what unfair thing would you learn about so you could do something about it?

YAY!

we would love to see photos of your collage! tag us on insta or email us!



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