



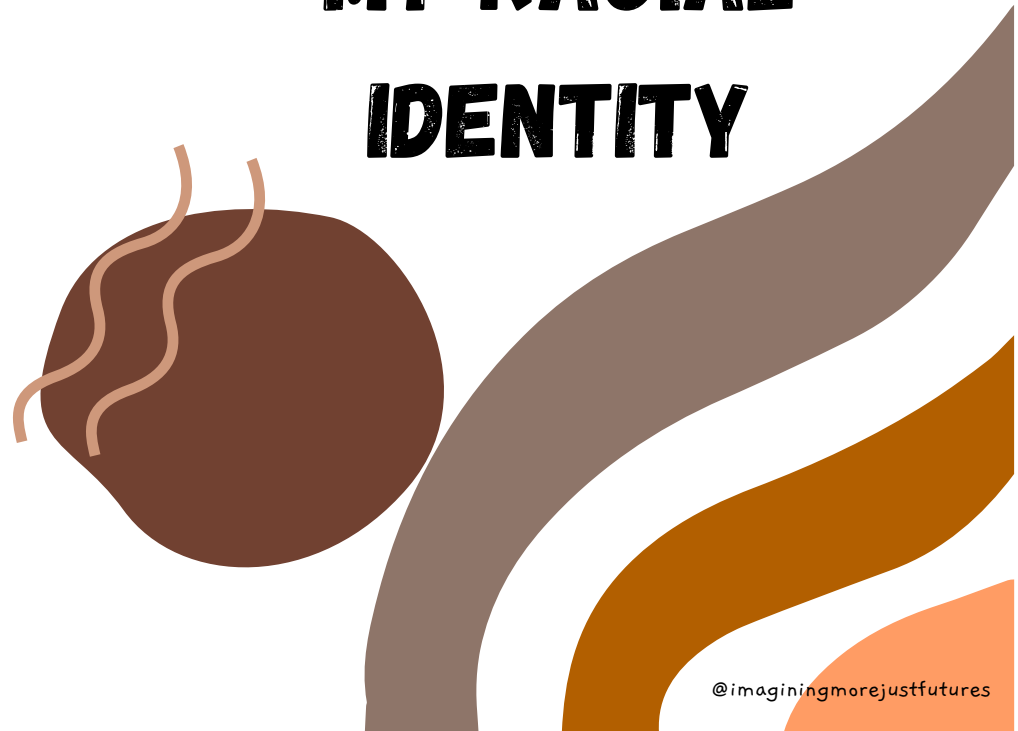
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A ZINE ABOUT MY RACIAL IDENTITY



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DON'T FORGET TO USE THE CRAYONS OR MARKERS YOU FOUND THAT MATCH YOUR SKIN, EYES, AND HAIR!

A NOTE FOR CAREGIVERS:

RACE IS AN IDEA AND SOCIAL IDENTITY THAT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK ABOUT WITH YOUR CHILD. WE INCLUDE A LIST OF SEVERAL BOOKS BELOW TO HELP YOU CONTINUE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE, AND PARTS OF RACE YOU EXPLORED IN THIS ZINE. FOR LITTLE ONES, IT MAY BE EASIER TO START BY TALKING ABOUT THE THINGS ON THE PAGES OF THE ZINE (E.G. SKIN COLOR, HAIR COLOR/TEXTURE AND EYE SHAPE/TEXTURE, AND PLACES), RATHER THAN THE CONCEPT OF "RACE."

A FEW BOOKS TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

- ON SKIN COLORS: ALL THE COLORS WE ARE BY KATIE KISSINGER

- ON EYES: EYES THAT KISS IN THE CORNERS BY JOANNA HO, EYES THAT SPEAK TO THE

STARS BY JOANNA HO

- ON HAIR AND HEAD COVERINGS: CROWN: AN ODE TO THE FRESH CUT BY DERRICK

BARNES, MY RAINBOW BY DESHANNA NEAL AND TRINITY NEAL, THE PRODEST BLUE BY

IBTIHAD MUHAMMAD

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SKIN COLOR AND RACIAL GROUP NAMES CAN BE CONFUSING FOR

KIDS, AND THEY MAY WONDER WHY PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT SKIN COLORS ARE IN THE SAME

RACIAL GROUP. ADULTS CAN POINT OUT THAT THE NAMES OF RACES (E.G., BLACK, WHITE) ARE

NOT THE SAME AS OUR ACTUAL SKIN COLORS, WHICH ARE ALL DIFFERENT SHADES OF BROWN.

IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO THINK ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN YOUR OWN FAMILY: ARE THERE PEOPLE

IN YOUR FAMILY WHO ARE THE SAME RACE, BUT WHO HAVE DIFFERENT SKIN COLORS? YOU

CAN EXPLAIN THAT ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT SHADES MAKE YOUR FAMILY BEAUTIFUL.

NOTES FOR CAREGIVERS OF WHITE CHILDREN

- WHITE CHILDREN OFTEN SHARE WORDS LIKE "PINK" OR "WHITE" WHEN ASKED ABOUT

THEIR SKIN COLORS. ENCOURAGE THEM TO THINK ABOUT MORE CREATIVE AND ACCURATE

WORDS.

- WHITE CHILDREN ALSO SOMETIMES DRAW THEIR FACE OR PARTS OF THEIR BODY WITH NO

COLOR (WITH THE WHITE OF PAPER SHOWING THROUGH) IF YOU ONLY HAVE WHITE

PAPER, ENCOURAGE THEM TO GO BACK TO THEIR SKIN COLOR WORDS, AND THINK ABOUT

WHICH COLORS THEY COULD USE TO DRAW THEIR SKIN COLOR(S).

NOTE FOR CAREGIVERS OF BIRACIAL/MIXED CHILDREN

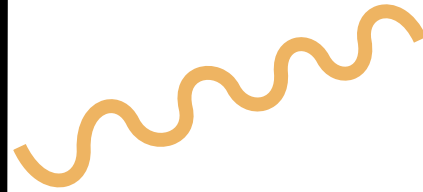
- ONE WAY CAREGIVERS WE HAVE WORKED WITH TALK TO THEIR KIDS ABOUT THEIR

IDENTITIES IS AS A COLLECTION OF DIFFERENT THINGS. SOME FAMILIES TALK ABOUT HOW

THEIR IDENTITIES ARE DOUBLE, RATHER THAN HALF (E.G. I AM WHITE AND BLACK,

RATHER THAN HALF WHITE HALF BLACK).

**COMBINE EVERYTHING YOU'VE
DRAWN SO FAR INTO A SELF-
PORTRAIT ON THESE PAGES!**



**RACE IS AN IDEA PEOPLE INVENTED THAT
SAYS PEOPLE CAN BE PUT INTO GROUPS
("RACES") BASED ON HOW THEY LOOK AND
WHERE THEIR ANCESTORS LIVED.**

**EVEN THOUGH RACE IS A MADE-UP IDEA, IT
HAS REAL IMPACTS ON OUR LIVES AND
COMMUNITIES.**

**OUR RACE IS ONE PART OF WHO WE ARE AND
ALL RACES ARE EQUAL AND BEAUTIFUL. USE
THIS ZINE TO EXPLORE PARTS OF YOUR
RACIAL IDENTITY!**



WORDS I USE TO DESCRIBE MY RACE

LOOK AT THE COLORS IN YOUR SKIN. ARE THERE
DIFFERENT COLORS ON YOUR PALM, ARM, FACE, AND
BELLY?

SKIN

LOOK AROUND THE SPACE
YOU'RE IN FOR 2-3 THINGS
THAT MATCH THE COLORS IN
YOUR SKIN. FOODS (LIKE
SPICES) AND NATURAL
MATERIALS ARE GOOD BETS!



FIND THE CLOSEST COLORED PENCILS OR
MARKERS YOU HAVE TO THE RIGHT COLORS, AND
DRAW YOUR FACE OR HAND ON THE NEXT PAGE!

MY SKIN IS THE COLOR OF...

WORDS

WHAT WORD OR WORDS DO YOU USE TO DESCRIBE YOUR RACE? IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, TALK TO A FAMILY MEMBER ABOUT IT!



THE WORDS WE USE TO DESCRIBE RACE ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY HELP US COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT WITH OTHER PEOPLE! CAN YOU FIND ANY BOOKS ON YOUR SHELVES THAT USE YOUR RACE WORDS? WHAT ABOUT BOOKS THAT USE OTHER RACE WORDS?

WRITE THE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR RACE ON THE NEXT PAGE!

THE WORD(S) I USE ARE...

MY SKIN COLOR

PLACES MY FAMILY LIVED

LOOK AT YOUR HAIR AND FEEL THE TEXTURE BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS. (ALWAYS ASK PERMISSION BEFORE FEELING SOMEONE ELSE'S HAIR!)

HAIR

WHAT WORDS DESCRIBE THE TEXTURE OF YOUR HAIR? DO YOU WEAR IT IN KNOTS, BRAIDS, OR ANOTHER STYLE? DO YOU WEAR SOMETHING TO COVER IT?



FIND THE CLOSEST COLORED PENCILS OR MARKERS YOU HAVE TO THE RIGHT COLORS, AND DRAW YOUR HAIR ON THE NEXT PAGE!

MY HAIR FEELS LIKE...

PLACES

ASK A FAMILY MEMBER OR SEE IF YOU CAN THINK OF SOME PLACES WHERE YOUR ANCESTORS (FAMILY WHO LIVED A LONG TIME AGO) LIVED.



IF YOU CAN, LOOK UP A MAP ONLINE AND FIND THE PLACES!
ARE THEY WARM OR COLD?
ARE THEY NEAR THE OCEAN,
OR IN THE MOUNTAINS, OR THE
RAINFOREST?

THINK OF THINGS THAT REMIND YOU OF THOSE PLACES, AND DRAW THEM ON THE NEXT PAGE!

MY ANCESTORS COME FROM...

MY HAIR

MY EYES

LOOK AT THE SHAPE AND COLORS OF YOUR EYES (YOU CAN USE A MIRROR OR A PHONE!) WHAT DOES THE SHAPE REMIND YOU OF?

EYES

IF YOU CAN, LOOK UP IMAGES OF GEMSTONES. CAN YOU FIND ONE OR MORE THAT MATCH SOME OF THE COLORS IN YOUR EYES?



FIND THE CLOSEST COLORED PENCILS OR MARKERS YOU HAVE TO THE RIGHT COLORS, AND DRAW YOUR EYES ON THE NEXT PAGE!

MY EYES SHINE LIKE...