Complete this sentence. I am a(n):	

(e.g.- age, birth order, interests, religion, political party, organizations, marital status, gender, national origin, race, physical characteristics, personality type, etc.) ----Draw a circle around the group that most people identify you with ----Draw a box around the group that you consider your primary group

Choose **one** descriptor above. Circle it and answer the following questions regarding this identity:

- 1. What is a personal experience that caused you to select the cultural descriptor you did today? Why is this descriptor important to you?
- 2. What is something that has happened in your life to make you feel that you mattered as being a member of the culture you selected? (affirmation)
- 3. What is something that has happened in your life to make you feel like an outsider because you are a member of this culture? (challenge)

## HOW DO YOU SPELL VALIDATE?

V A L	Value Appreciation Listen	How do I show others that I value them? What are some words or actions that signify appreciation? How do I know that someone has listened to me? How do I listen to others?
Ι	Interpret	How do I interpret what other people think of me and how they listen to me?
D	Demonstrate	What are ways I can demonstrate that I am listening?
А	Acceptance	How can I show other people that I accept them?
Т	Touch	Whose lives do I touch and who touches my life with their words and actions?
Е	Engrossed	When I am engrossed in a conversation, you know it
		because
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