



CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS: Writing About Cultural Identity

Visual Prompt: How does this image express culture to you?

Unit Overview

Culture influences who you are as an individual and how you relate to other people. In this unit, you will explore how different cultural experiences shape, impact, and influence your identity and perceptions. You will read texts in a variety of genres that reflect on the connection between a person’s heritage and his or her sense of identity.

Part One

Memoir:

By Any Other Name *by Santha Rama Rau* 6

Informational Text:

How Salt Shook an Empire *by Sara Wilson Etienne* 23

Part Two

Poetry:

My Mother Pieced Quilts *by Teresa Palomo Acosta* 29

Informational Text:

When Clothes Do the Talking *by Amita Sarin* 40

Part Three

Personal Essay:

Two Ways to Belong in America *by Bharati Mukherjee* 48

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