



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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