

Grade 7 Summer Writing Assignment: Exploring Identity

 **Theme:** “Who Am I? A Journey Through My Identity”

Assignment Title:  "This Is Me: My Identity Story"

Objective: Students will reflect on their personal identity and express how their background, experiences, interests, and values shape who they are. The goal is to encourage self-awareness and build voice in writing through personal storytelling.

Please remember that this is a formal piece of writing and should be written using the standard conventions of the English language.

Prompt: Who are you beyond your name? Over the summer, write a short essay or creative piece (1–2 pages) that explores your identity. You can focus on your culture, family, traditions, language, personality, interests, or life experiences. Feel free to include drawings, poems, or a collage if you'd like to show your identity visually as well!

Guiding Questions: To help you get started, think about these:

- What are some things that make you *you*?
- What is something important from your culture or background?
- What experiences in your life have shaped how you think or feel?
- How do your hobbies or passions show your personality?
- What do you hope others understand about you?

Suggested Structure (Optional):

1. **Introduction** – “Who am I?” Start by introducing yourself.
2. **Body Paragraphs** – Describe key parts of your identity. Use stories, examples, any evidence from texts that may relate to you (like a quote you resonate with)
3. **Conclusion** – What did you learn about yourself while writing? What do you want others to know about you?

Sentence Starters (ENL/SWD):

- My name is ___ and something important about me is...
- A big part of my identity is...
- One experience that changed me is when...
- I feel proud of my culture because...
- Something others might not know about me is...
- When people get to know me, they learn that I am...
- I want to grow by...

Due Date: First week of school in September 2025 (to be graded)

 *Be ready to share your writing with a small group or create a visual that goes with it!*

Success Criteria

- Your work should:*
- Clearly explore and analyze your identity*
- Include specific details and examples*
- Demonstrate thoughtful reflection and insight*
- Be organized and easy to follow*
- Use grade-level writing conventions and complete sentences*
- Show your unique voice and perspective*