

Setting Directions CHRE Suggestions

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ELA Curriculum Example: Setting Directions (GLE 0-3.9)


- What is your name?
- Are you named after someone or does your name have a special meaning?
- What is something that you would like us to know about you that we might not know just by looking at you?
- Are you new to this area, or have you lived here for a while?
- Would you like to tell about your family?

"A slave should have no sense of himself that was separate from the self the master wanted him to have. Thus it was that no black had a name of his own. He was given the surname of his owner, no matter how many owners he might have during his life. A Negro has got no name. I was first a Hale; then my father was sold and then I was named Reed. Without a name of his own, the slave's ability to see himself apart from his owner was lessened. He was never asked who he was."


From, *To Be A Slave* by Julius Lester

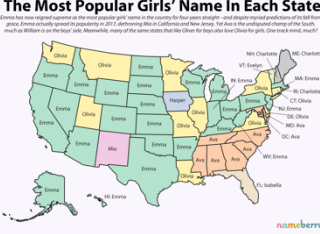
"It is through our names that we first place ourselves in the world. Our names, being the gift of others, must be made our own...They must become our masks and our shields and the containers of all those values and traditions which we learn and/or imagine as being the meaning of our familial past."


-From, *The Collected Essays of Ralph Ellison*



NAME OF SLAVE (FEMALE)	AGE		SEX		RACE	STATUS
	Y	M	M	F		
George B. Smith	25	0	0	0	W	0
John B. Smith	25	0	0	0	W	0
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Identity: Students will consider their names, the meanings and stories about their names; how our names connect to our identities.

Skill: Students will learn to write personal narratives about their names.

Intellect: Students will learn naming traditions across different cultures.

Criticality: Students will identify ways some names are treated differently (and unfairly) in society.

Joy: Students will describe the stories and memories associated with their names.