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# 15. Intersectionality

Module 2 – Understanding Identity & Intersectionality  
(Intermediate)

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# Learning Goal

To understand that identity is made up of many different parts that combine to make us who we are. Our intersecting identities influence how we experience the world.

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# Before we begin, think about...



- What aspects of our identities give us advantages? Or disadvantages?
- What situations are we sometimes in where one part of our identity is at the forefront over other parts?

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# Intersectionality?

The following video presents how **intersectionality** influences individuals' experience, privilege and oppression.

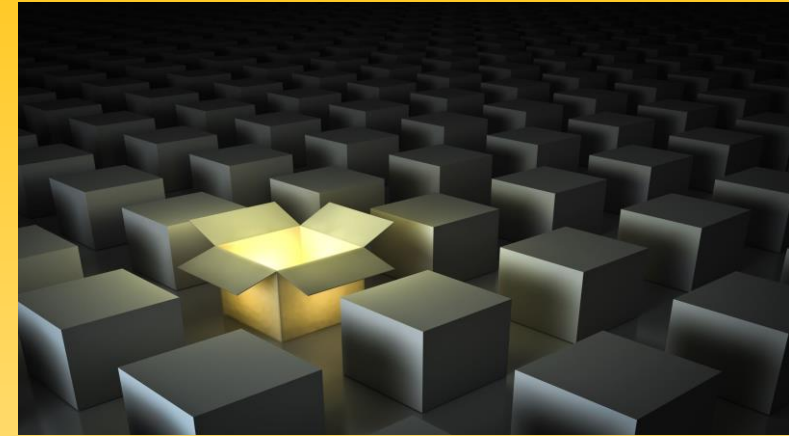


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# *Kids Explain Intersectionality Video*

- How do we put others in “boxes”?



- Are there things you do not understand – like the young person in the video?

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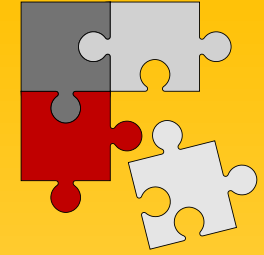
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# *My Intersectional Self:*

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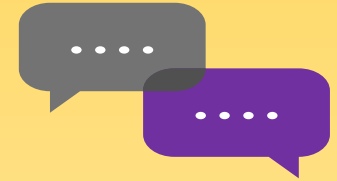
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# My Own Intersectional Self



Complete your own Intersectional Self Worksheet following the instructions on the handout.

My 2 most important identity bubbles are...  
briefly explain.



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# Group Think



Let's reflect on how each one of our individual identities intersects and shapes the way they view and interact with the world.



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# *Feelings and Intersectionality*

- How would you feel if someone ignored one of your identities?
- Can you see how ignoring one of your identities could cause miscommunication and harm? Provide an give an example?
- Do you have more than these 5 identities?

# Privilege & Oppression

We have many identities that intersect. Not being aware of our own or others' identities causes us to not recognize the privilege some identities carry, or the oppression experienced by people with other intersecting identities.

*Remember the Flower of Power?*

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# Reading or Writing TASK:

Using your completed *Intersectional Self worksheet* choose **one** of the following reading or writing Tasks to complete.

Create 2 fictional characters with different backgrounds.

OR

Analyze characters in a novel - assess how diverse the characters are.

# *Post Reflection*

If you had to explain intersectionality to a friend or family member, what would you say?



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