Post your response to Discussion Prompt 1 by Tuesday (8 September). Respond to three of your classmates’ posts by Thursday (10 September) and Sunday (13 September).

First, take a piece of paper (or open a Word document) and write Who am I? at the top. Below that, write 20 statements describing yourself. Put down whatever comes to mind. There are no wrong answers and you will not be submitting your list.

After completing your list of 20 statements, analyze your responses. Which ones describe your physical characteristics (“I have brown hair”), emotional state (“I’m tired”), or behaviors (“I read a lot”)? Which statements indicate belonging to a specific group (“I’m an anthropologist”) or a more abstract or general group (“I’m a human being”)? Use your best judgement in categorizing your responses; again, there are no wrong answers. You don’t have to report on this information. Only disclose personal details you’re comfortable with sharing in class discussion.

Reply to the following for your discussion prompt response:

How many did you have for each category? How many described your individual characteristics and your group memberships? Were they about equal or did you have more in one than the other? What do your statements tell you about your sense of self as an individual and as a group member? Are these mutually exclusive categories or do they overlap and combine in ways that make you unique? Why and how? Has your identity changed over time or remained the same? What life experiences would you say have been the most influential regarding your sense of self? Provide specific examples, including from class readings, videos, and other sources to support your statements.

Who am I?

Physical characteristics

1. I’m black hair.

Emotional state

1. I like to eat healthy food.
2. I like internet.
3. I believe in science.
4. I believe in love.

General groups

1. I’m a southern Asian.
2. I like to meet friends but more like to be alone sometime.
3. I am an architect.
4. I am a programmer.
5. I am a nice person.

Behavioral stares

1. I think a lot about my future.
2. I love animation.
3. I love music.
4. I love movie.
5. I like to learn a new technology.

Individual characteristics

1. I am 34 years old but I think I still young.
2. I am good at math.
3. I will success for the first step in between 5 years.
4. I will have 2 Bachelor’s degree in 2022.
5. I can speck 3 languages, Laotian, Chinese, English.

Group memberships

Hi Noa Landin,

I also watched Personal Identity that Hank Green said in (Crash Course) youtube Chanel. It is very interesting. I agree with you say "I feel that my identity has definitely changed over time, my beliefs and values are completely different than they were when I was younger." Then, I think it is the good way that would help us developing and growing our knowledge and ability for advancing to the better in the future.

However, every thing all is limited by natural law. I am sorry for your grandma passed away. My mother has passed away by last three year. I wish every thing should be better for all pass away and living here.

Hi Paula O'Brien,

Your story is amazing, and thanks for your sharing. your statement in this article, "This experience made me see life is unpredictable. It made me see much is out of our control and some things  you cannot change back to what they were.  " It touched me. When I was teenager, I thought I could control everything and I could change everything around me even the world. But when I growth up I found that the world is changing me, and I could do nothing. However, I have not given up yet, I believe I still have a little time to keep continue and move forward. I hope you do not give up to move forward to your better life too.

(Ping) Nalongsone Danddank

what was taught to you when you were growing up or your experiences.

Memories play a role in your identity which affects you in your life. Though, the most influential life experiences with my family. Because of this, my identity changed overtime and they showed me how others can be.

 I think we are similar in a way but just a little bit different based on how others react towards things.