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Activity 1 – “How Are We Similar and Different?”

Tolerance begins with understanding and knowledge. It is important that we discover our commonalities. It is also important that we not fear our differences. Complete the questions below. Then follow the teacher’s instructions for sharing the information with your classmates.

Student Name _____

My favorite color is:

My favorite music artist is:

My favorite subject is:

I was born in the month of:

I live on _____ street:

My family comes from (be specific, ex. Atlanta, Chesterfield, Puerto Rico, etc.):

When I graduate from middle school I want to:

When I graduate from high school I want to:

Problems that make me sad in my community are:

When I am afraid I talk to:

If I could have one wish it would be:

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Activity 3 – “Stories Of Our World”

The three stories listed below are different. Yet they have a common thread running through them. Write about how the stories are similar. Then list how the stories differ from one another. How do you identify with each story? Beside each scenario write about how you felt after reading each scenario. Which scenario did you relate to more?

Scenario 1

A student from Mexico recalled jumping fences, traveling at night, hiding and nearly drowning as his family crossed El Rio Grande to get to the United States.

Scenario 2

A young boy told how his grandmother was not allowed to attend high school in Flowery Branch, GA., because she is black. In spite of this, his grandmother graduated from college and became an elementary school principal.

Scenario 3

A student from Cambodia spoke about the brutal war there. She said she still gets scared when she sees a policeman or hears a loud noise that reminds her of gunshots. Still, she expressed thanks to her parents for coming to a country where they are free and have so many opportunities.

Write about how the scenarios are similar to one another.

Write about how the scenarios are different from one another.

Which story do you relate to the most? How is your life similar to the lives of the young people in the above scenarios?

How is your life different from the lives of the young people in the above scenarios?