

Session 1 – Getting Acquainted

Activity 1 – Create Your Own CD

Let's get acquainted. Your musical tastes say a lot about you. Today we are going to create our own CD. First chose your music genre. Do you enjoy rock, country, R&B, Hip/Hop, Reggae, Rap or jazz? Choose your genre and then come up with a CD Title. Are you a solo artist or do you have a CD with a group? Do you know what your CD/album art would look like? Now choose 8 song titles that will give us an impression of who you are and what is important to you. Be creative! Have fun. Be prepared to share your CD information with the rest of the class.

Music Genre -

CD Title -

Group or Solo Artist Name-

Song Titles

1 –

2 –

3 –

4 –

5 –

6 –

7 –

8 –

Use this space and the back of this paper to draw and/or describe your CD/album art.

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Activity 2 – If I Were President

In November 2008, this country will vote for a new president. Education is a hot issue on the candidates' agenda. Do you think the problems in education should be important to the candidates running for president?

Divide the classroom into four groups. Each group needs to decide which issue they think is most critical for the president to address. Pick a spokesperson for each group. Give each group 4 minutes to convince the class that their issue is the most critical.

Issues they can consider:

- Increasing high school drop out rate.
- Decrease in the number of minority students going to college.
- Program funding cuts on the elementary, middle and high school levels.
- Low teacher salaries

Group members:

Group spokesperson:

What issue did you choose?

What other issues did you consider critical?

List 4 reasons why you picked this topic over another topic?

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Activity 3 – Quote for Discussion

*“There is always one moment
in childhood when the door opens
and lets the future in.”*

Graham Greene

What do you think the author meant by this quote? Are you excited about your future? What do you think the future holds for you? How much control do you think you have over your future? Are you ready for the future? How do you know? Has your childhood already stopped and your future begun?