

DIVERSITY

Diversity

There is so much diversity in the world and encouraging kids to read about it helps them accept themselves and others. When they see that we are all alike and different, it helps them can celebrate both community and diversity.

This activity packet includes a selection of resources for educators, parents/caregivers, and students.

Booklist: A recommended list of books about diversity.

Puzzles and Activities for Students: Resources about diversity designed for independent student use.

Take-Home Activity: An activity about diversity designed to help students continue learning at home.

Classroom Activity: An diversity about diversity designed for the classroom.

We suggest you print and copy the *Take-Home Activity* and *Puzzles and Activities for Students* pages and send them home to extend the learning.

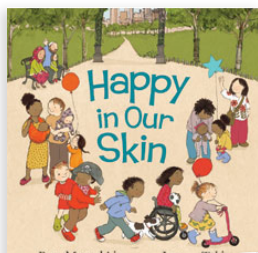
For more reading resources, visit www.RIF.org/Literacy-Central.

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Diverse Book List

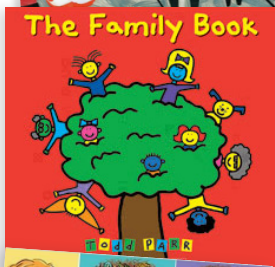
Recommended Books



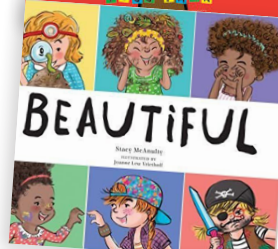
Happy in Our Skin
Author: Fran Manushkin
Illustrator: Lauren Tobia
PK-K



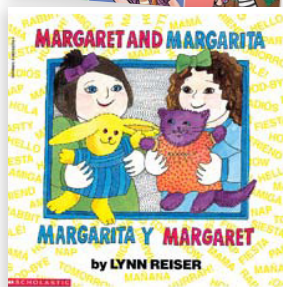
Say Hello
Author and Illustrator:
Rachel Isadora
PK-K



The Family Book
Author and Illustrator:
Todd Parr
PK-1



Beautiful
Author: Stacy McAnulty
Illustrator: Joanne Lew-Vriethoff
PK-2



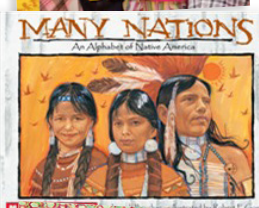
**Margaret and Margarita /
Margarita y Margaret**
Author and Illustrator:
Lynn Reiser
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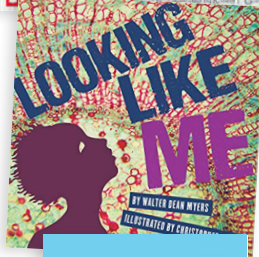
Two Is Enough
Author: Janna Matthies
Illustrator: Tuesday Mourning
PK-1



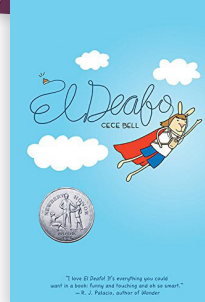
We Are Alike, We Are Different
Scholastic News Nonfiction Readers
Author: Janice Behrens
1-3



Many Nations
Authors: Joseph Bruchac and
Robert F. Goetzl
Illustrator: Robert F. Goetzl
1-3



Looking Like Me
Author: Walter Dean Myers
Illustrator: Christopher Myers
2-4



El Deafo
Author: Cece Bell
3-7

Word Search (easier)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Find the words in the list below.

C	A	D	S	K	A	E	R	O
E	B	I	R	I	A	G	E	S
L	I	V	E	N	Y	M	L	D
E	L	E	S	D	O	K	I	H
B	I	R	P	N	A	F	G	E
R	T	S	E	E	E	S	I	Y
A	I	I	C	S	J	Y	O	U
T	E	T	T	S	C	M	N	F
E	S	Y	R	A	C	E	S	G

Word Bank

DIVERSITY

RELIGIONS

RACES

AGES

ABILITIES

RESPECT

CELEBRATE

KINDNESS

Word Search (harder)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Find the words in the list below.

I	A	C	C	E	P	T	A	N	C	E	T
N	B	W	R	E	S	P	E	C	T	M	D
D	I	V	E	R	S	I	T	Y	O	A	I
I	L	D	L	L	A	A	M	C	L	W	S
V	I	N	I	A	W	J	C	E	E	E	C
I	T	U	G	K	A	T	U	L	R	L	O
D	I	O	I	M	R	U	L	E	A	C	V
U	E	K	O	F	E	D	T	B	N	O	E
A	S	B	N	D	N	N	U	R	C	M	R
L	A	D	S	S	E	H	R	A	E	I	Y
S	J	U	Y	I	S	M	E	T	V	N	M
A	T	P	G	R	S	K	S	E	O	G	E

Word Bank

DIVERSITY

CULTURES

RELIGIONS

ABILITIES

RESPECT

TOLERANCE

ACCEPTANCE

CELEBRATE

INDIVIDUALS

DISCOVERY

WELCOMING

AWARENESS

Memory Match



Cut along the lines to create vocabulary cards. Then, mix them up and turn them over. Flip two cards at a time, using your memory to try to find word pairs. Use each page separately for an easier version, or put all the cards together for a bigger challenge.

differences	differences
cultures	cultures
religions	religions
abilities	abilities
respect	respect
celebrate	celebrate



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discovery

discovery

kindness

kindness

strength

strength

tolerance

tolerance

diversity

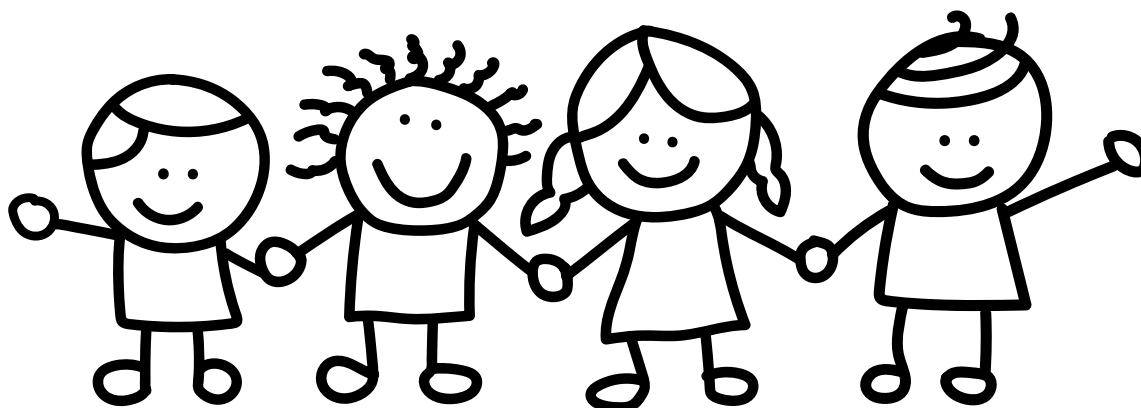
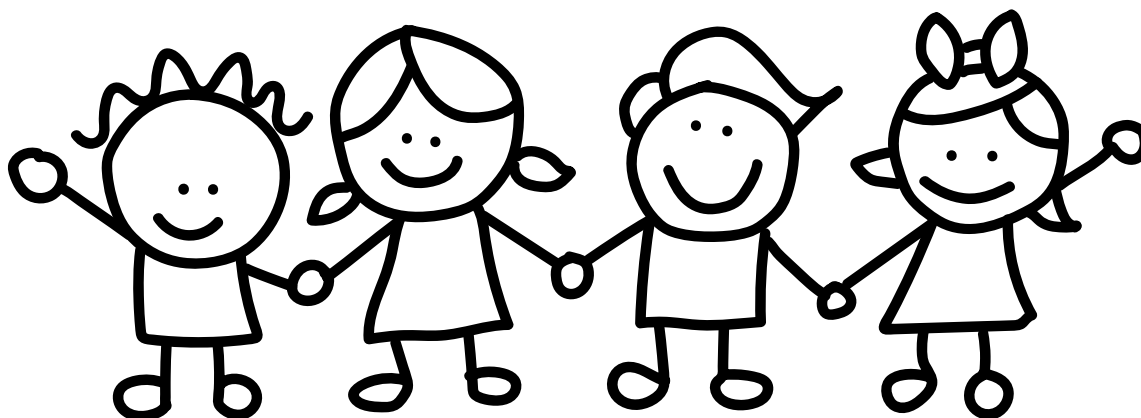
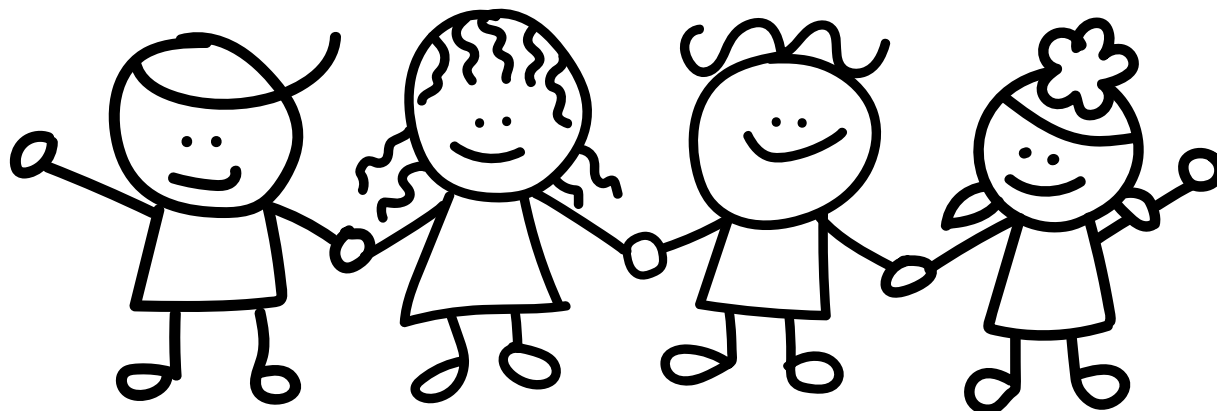
diversity

individuals

individuals



Coloring Page



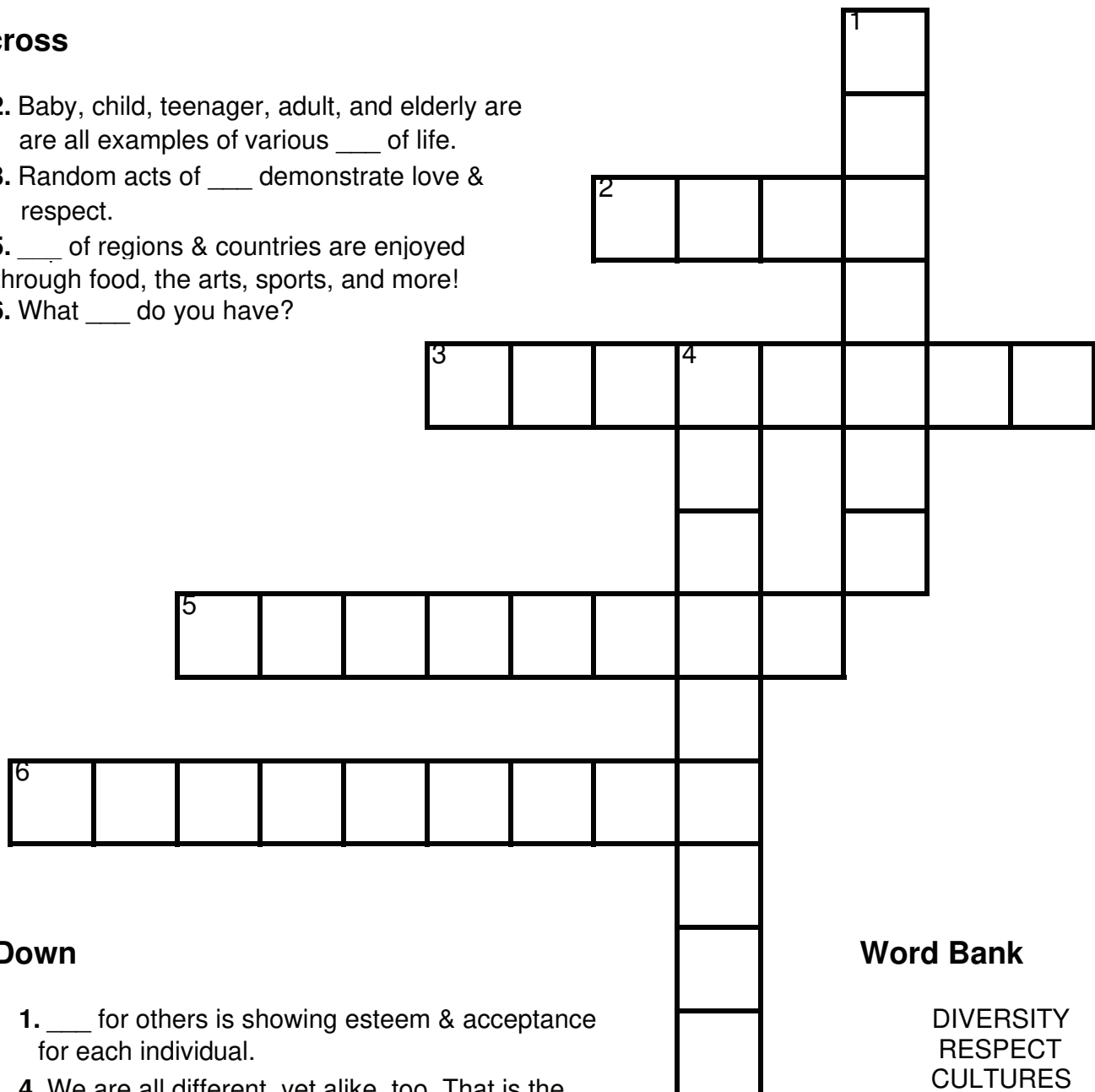
Crossword Puzzle (easier)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words for the topic of Diversity.
Look for hints in the Word Bank.

Across

2. Baby, child, teenager, adult, and elderly are all examples of various ____ of life.
3. Random acts of ____ demonstrate love & respect.
5. ____ of regions & countries are enjoyed through food, the arts, sports, and more!
6. What ____ do you have?



Down

1. ____ for others is showing esteem & acceptance for each individual.
4. We are all different, yet alike, too. That is the ____.
That is the meaning of ____.

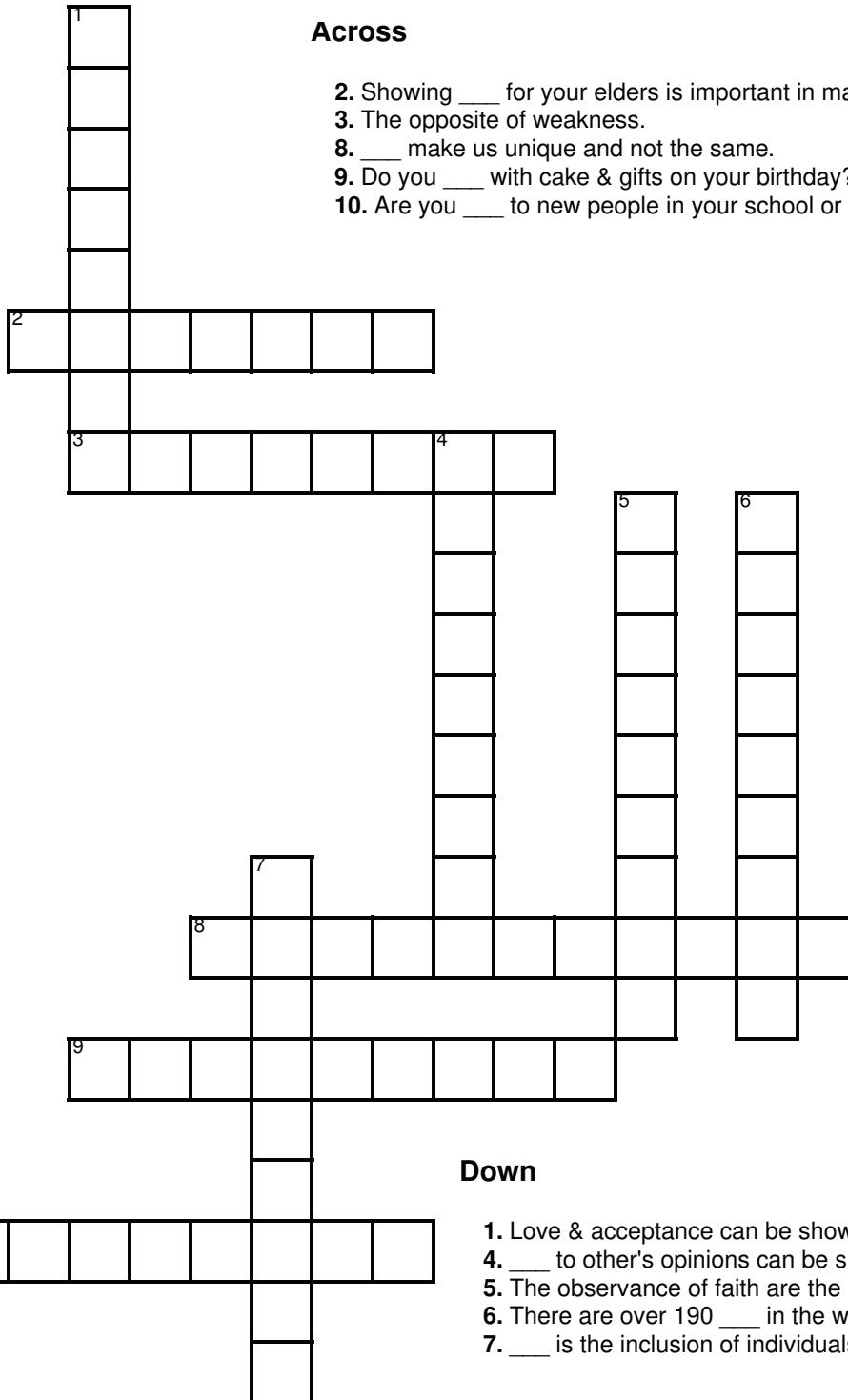
Word Bank

DIVERSITY
RESPECT
CULTURES
KINDNESS
AGES
ABILITIES

Crossword Puzzle (harder)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words for the topic of Diversity.
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Across

2. Showing ____ for your elders is important in many cultures.
3. The opposite of weakness.
8. ____ make us unique and not the same.
9. Do you ____ with cake & gifts on your birthday?
10. Are you ____ to new people in your school or neighborhood?

Word Bank

DIVERSITY
RESPECT
WELCOMING
DIFFERENCES
TOLERANCE
KINDNESS
COUNTRIES
CELEBRATE
RELIGIONS
STRENGTH

Down

1. Love & acceptance can be shown through small acts of ____ everyday!
4. ____ to other's opinions can be shown through listening & accepting.
5. The observance of faith are the basis of many ____ in the world.
6. There are over 190 ____ in the world today.
7. ____ is the inclusion of individuals representing different nations, regions

Take-Home Activity

Family Venn Diagram

Your child has been learning about diversity at school and this activity is designed to extend the learning at home.

Even within a family, we find a lot of diversity. Use this activity to show your child that differences are natural, interesting, and special.

STEPS:

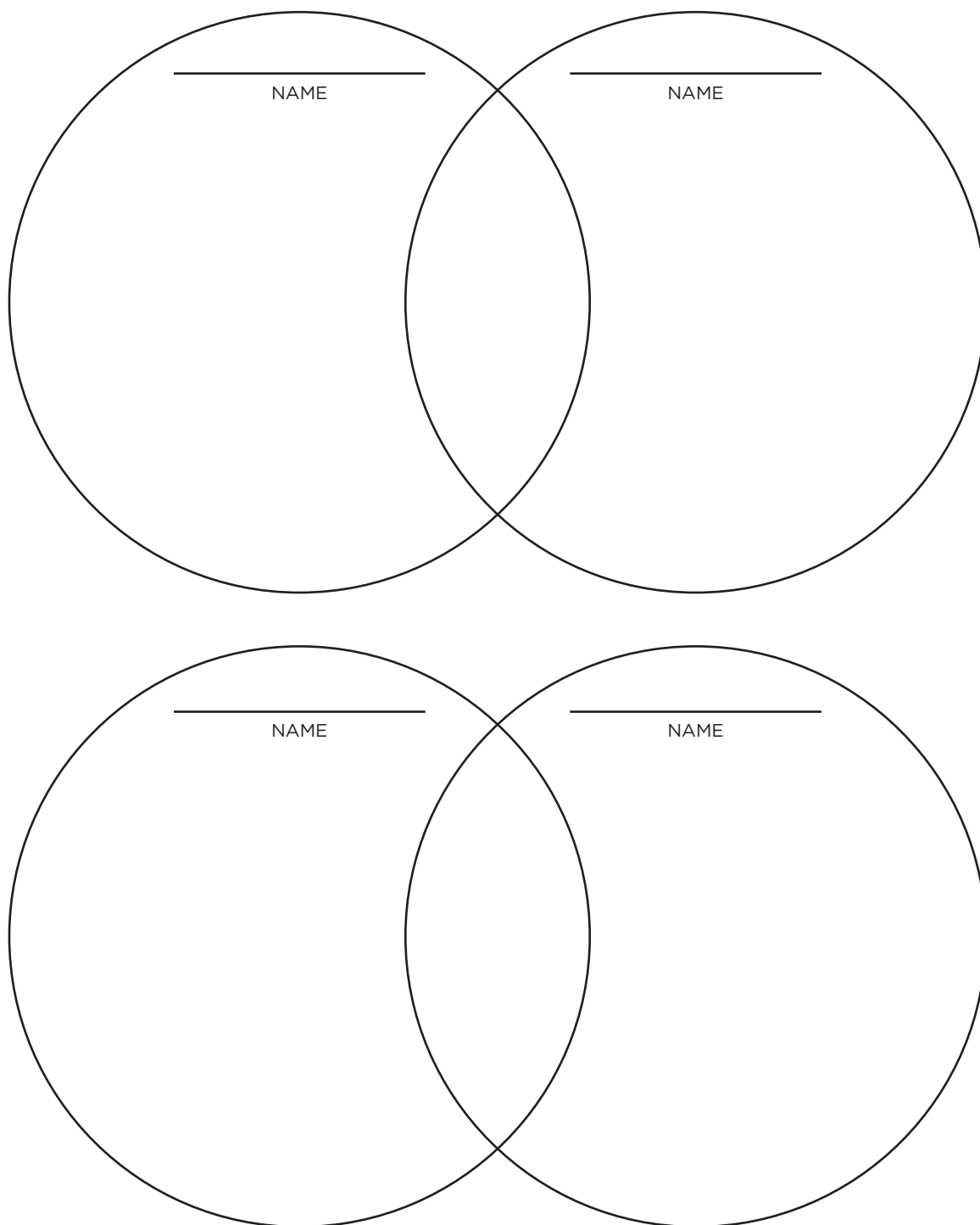
1. Think of one or two unique and special qualities each member of your family has that they do not share with other family members.
2. Then, think of traits or characteristics that your family members have in common.
3. Complete the Venn diagrams on our Family Venn Diagram page to see how people are both alike and different, even within your family.

After this activity, expand the discussion from individuals to your entire family's structure and history. You can use our starter questions or think of your own to emphasize family, history, and tradition.

- Where are our ancestors from?
- What stories are passed down from generation to generation in our family?
- What special holidays and traditions do we celebrate in our family and culture?
- What special foods do we cook together to celebrate our culture?

Take-Home Activity

Family Venn Diagram



Create more family Venn diagrams on the back of this page.

Classroom Activity

You Are Unique

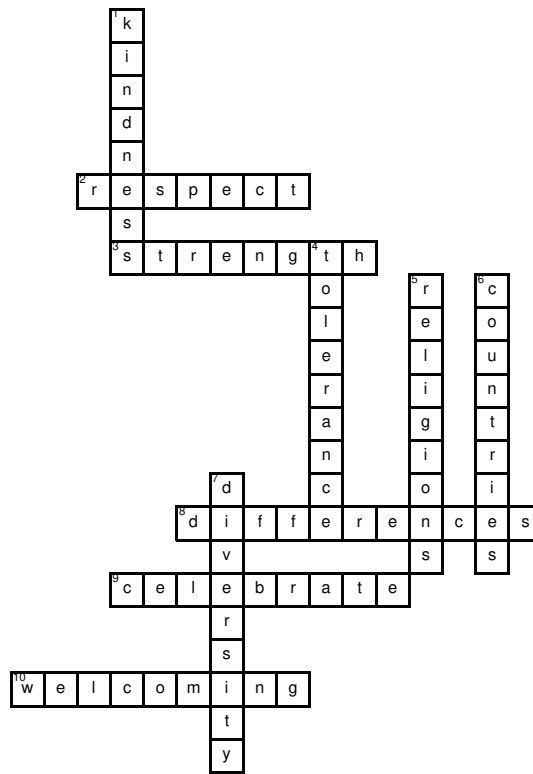
This activity is designed to be done independently with optional class sharing at the end.

STEPS

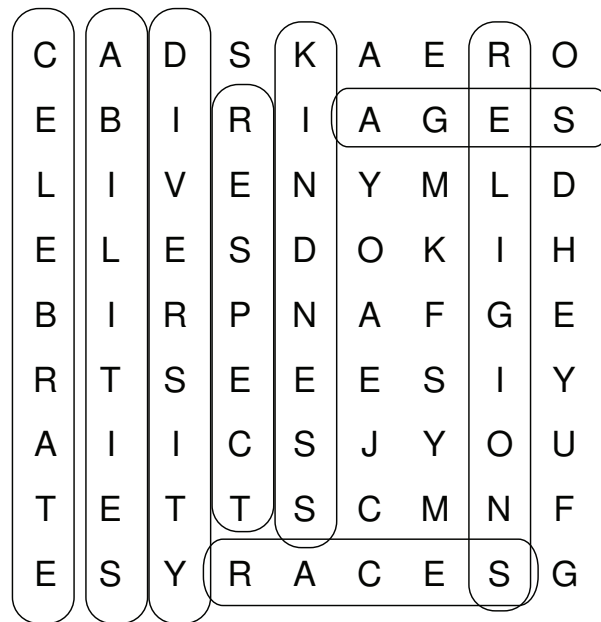
1. Tell your students they will be writing an acrostic poem using their first names. [An acrostic poem is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word (in this case, a name). Students may write one word, one phrase, or one statement for each letter of their name.]
2. Create an acrostic poem using your name as an example and talk with the class about how and why you picked each word, phrase, or statement for the letters in your name.
3. Provide time for students to write their acrostic poems. (For students who aren't yet writing, give them two options: 1) invite them to draw pictures for the item/symbol for each letter or 2) have them copy the letters of their own name and use it as a coloring sheet.)
4. Invite students to share their acrostic poems and, during discussion, talk about how different – and special -- everyone's poems are.

ANSWER KEYS

Key: Crossword Puzzle (harder)



Key: Word Search (easier)



Key: Word Search (harder)

