



Suggested Discussion Questions on the Topic of Identity

Establishing Personal Identity/Story

- Where are you from? Where are your parents from?
- What is your family's ancestry? Does your family have any rituals or celebrations based on where they came from originally?
- Is your family large? Small? What do you do together?
- What is your role in your family? How would your mother/father/brother/sister describe you?
- What do you like to do? What are your favorite hobbies/activities?
- What three words would you use to describe yourself?
- How would others describe you?
- What do you dream of doing in your life?
- Who or what is the most important to you? Why?
- What is a story that gets told about you (by family or friends)?
- What kinds of clothes do you like to wear? Why?
- Who are your friends? Why are they your friends?
- What is your favorite thing about yourself? Your least favorite thing?

Visual Representations of Identity

- If you watched *The Water Will Carry Us Home*: How did the artist Gabrielle Tesfaye create an identity for Papa Legba? What clues did she give us about him through his appearance, clothing, body markings?
- How could you show the answers to your identity questions in a drawing? What visual clues could you give us?

