

### **Identity and the study of Psychology and Sociology**

*What is identity? What influences a person's identity?*

*How does a person's identity impact their life?*

In Social Studies this block we will be investigating the fields of Psychology and Sociology through our current theme of Identity. Class will involve guided activities, videos, writing prompts, a Socratic Seminar discussion, assigned readings, an interest exploration opportunity and open work time. This block we will also be continuing to dive deep into our National History Day Projects.

#### **Guiding Questions:**

- What is psychology? What is sociology?
- Why study psychology and sociology?
- How do we define and view behavior?
- Why don't all psychologists explain behavior in the same way?
- How does your cultural background influence your behavior? Your identity?
- What part of your identity is permanent?

#### **Grading:**

Choices Article and Critical Thinking Questions (3)		15 points	Nov. 17th Dec. 1st
Seminar		10 points	Dec. 6th
Writing Response		10 points	Dec. 8th
NHD Project Plan Outline		20 points	Dec. 9th
Interest Poster and Presentation		30 points	Dec. 13th (Project Proposal due Nov. 22nd)
Participation		15 points	Ongoing
		Total Possible: 100 points	

**Participation:**

Students are expected to be prepared for and participate in each lesson. Points awarded will be based on the guide's evaluation of the student's engagement and contribution to the class, as well as the completion of any in class assignments and activities.

**Interest Poster and Presentation:**

Students will investigate a topic they are interested in and complete an informative, infographic poster. Students will share their knowledge and poster with classmates with a presentation. Students will complete a topic proposal form in class. Possible topics can include:

- What is Group Think and what are the famous examples in history?
- What is intelligence? How is it measured? What is emotional intelligence? Which has a better prediction of success?
- Explore the Nature vs. Nurture debate.
- Theories of Birth Order: Does your birth order really affect your personality?
- What is the link between exercise and emotional health?
- Sport Psychology: How do pro athletes use psychology to improve performance?
- Mindfulness: Can it really affect a person's daily life?
- Stereotypes: What does science say about why we have them?
- Social Media: Do people who use the social media site Facebook exhibit signs of addiction?
- Memory: What can psychology tell us that will help with study tips and memorization in school?
- What is Grit? Why is it so important for success?
- What is Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy? How does it relate to football?
- What are dreams? What are the differing theories about their meaning?
- Create your own research topic!

**Writing Response:**

Students will be provided with a writing prompt in class and points will be given for a thoughtful, detailed and scholarly response.

**Choices Articles:**

Students will read articles and complete critical thinking questions. Questions should be answered in complete sentences for full credit.

**NHD Project Plan:**

Students will complete a plan for their proposed method of submission. Students will fill out a Project Plan form, as well as attach an outline/draft for their project. These outlines will differ depending on category of submission (Storyboard for documentary, outline for paper etc.).