Yugambeh Nation

Name: _____

Date: _____

AGES 14 AND UP · DISCUSSION

Identity: A Class Discussion

Ground rules

- Discuss **ideas**, not people. Never comment on anyone's personal identity or family.
- Listen to understand, not to reply. One person speaks at a time.
- Back your view with evidence from the article.
- It's fine to change your mind; say what changed it.
- What is shared in the room stays in the room.

Roles

Facilitator
Keeps the discussion on track and invites quiet voices

Timekeeper
Keeps each round to time

Note-taker
Records the main points

Evidence-checker
Asks "where does the article say that?"

How it works

1. **Think** (5 minutes): read the statements on page 2 and mark where you stand.
2. **Pair** (5 minutes): compare with a partner. Find one point you agree on and one you don't.
3. **Discuss** (20 minutes): the facilitator takes the class through each statement. Use evidence from the article.
4. **Reflect** (5 minutes): complete the reflection at the bottom of page 2.

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Statements to weigh up

1. “Identity is fixed, singular and self-contained.”

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Unsure ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

My reason, with evidence:

2. “Saying “I’m Irish” because of a distant ancestor is the same kind of identity as belonging to an Aboriginal Nation.”

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Unsure ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

My reason, with evidence:

3. “Aboriginal Nations should decide who their own members are.”

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Unsure ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

My reason, with evidence:

4. “Ideas from old “blood quantum” laws still shape conversations today.”

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Unsure ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

My reason, with evidence:

5. “Identity is lived and practised, not only inherited.”

☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Unsure ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree

My reason, with evidence:

Reflection

Did your view change on any statement? What changed it?

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