

Heritage and Identity: A Writing Performance Task

Throughout this unit, we have been exploring the identities and heritages of uniquely different groups of people in *The Ohlone Way* and various stories included in *Latino Writers in the U.S.*. One intention of this exploration was to widen our perspectives of the world (and specifically of California). The other intention was for us to examine our own identities and what makes us unique.

Thinking about all the aspects of identity (family, language, work, customs, spirituality, etc.) and the texts in which we have read about them, your task is to answer the following question in a personal essay form:

- **What aspect of your life has most influenced your identity?**

This writing task should meet the following criteria:

- MLA format: double spaced, 1 inch margins, indent paragraphs, name in top left corner, creative title (note: this is the ONLY formal essay in which you will be allowed to use first person, "I")
- 5 paragraphs: intro, 3 body paragraphs, conclusion
- Each paragraph should have at least two pieces of evidence
 - 1. **quote/example from one (or both) of our class texts** that you connect to
 - 2. Personal example

Mini-lessons and a Google template (from Schieffer) will assist you in this writing process. Your final draft will be due to Google Classroom (in MLA format, outside of the template) on: **Friday, October 6th**