

Part 1: Ethnicity

When did you first realize what your ethnicity was?	
When did you first learn about your cultural heritage?	
How did these experiences make you feel?	





Do you feel like you are aware of your ethnicity and/or cultural heritage on an everyday basis? If yes, how does this effect your day?

	
Think about a story you have heard about your family, either immediate fami generational, that has informed you about your ethnic and/or cultural identit	
How does this story make you feel? Does this story make you feel happy, sa ashamed, proud?	ad,
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Part 2: Personal Histories of Heritage

How can we look at history through a personal lens? We learn about history in school, but sometimes it can feel disconnected from who we are today.

This is why learning about our personal histories of heritage is important. It teaches us how the stories of those in the past have influenced and shaped our present selves.

Consider this graphic that illustrates how many unique stories each of us are connected to:

You

2 Parents

4 Grandparents

8 Great Grandparents

16 Great Great Grandparents

32 Great Great Grandparents

64 Great Great Great Grandparents

128 Great Great Great Great Grandparents

256 Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents

512 Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents

1024 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents

and after just ten generations you then have

2,048

4.096

8.192

16,384

32,768

65,536

131,072

262.144

524.288

1.048.576

One Million ancestors in only twenty generations!





Have you ever thought about this connectedness before? How does it make you feel?

Do you	ı feel like you know your own history?	

Part 3: Learn More

With this new knowledge and curiosity, consider having a conversation with a family member about your ethnicity or cultural heritage, or those of others close to you. See what new information you can learn.

Look around your house for artifacts that might have a story connected to your heritage or ethnicity.

Consider sharing your artifact or photo of the artifact and its accompanying story with a family member, friend or peer.

