

Identity - Filmmaking/Multimedia

Aims

To explore your own and others' identity: 'what makes me me and you you'

To develop skills related to filming/editing film

Activity description

Pupils will explore issues of identity and produce a video diary that captures their learning.

Starter activity

You can record a 'piece to camera' (shot of you talking to the camera) or just record a 'voiceover' if you don't want to be on camera. Either way, please include video clips/photos of some of the things you talk about, when possible.

Main activity:

Think about what information will let people know more about you. For example, who do you live with, do you and your family have any current or historical connections with another area of the world? What you do in your free time, what do you enjoy and dislike? Have you achieved anything special you'd like to talk about?

You could think about your identity and the things about you that connect you to a wider community of people, e.g. a national identity, a religious/belief identity, a local/regional identity, membership of a community of people who share the same interests/hobbies, etc.

If you're still in lockdown, you could make a 'lockdown diary'. Make sure the focus is on telling your audience something about your own identity, perhaps thinking about how it has been affected during this time at home.

Try to keep it between 1-2 minutes long.

You can carry out the filming yourself if you want to be on camera, using 'selfie-mode' or mounting your camera/phone on a stand. Alternatively, you could ask a friend or family member to operate the camera.



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Time required

1-2 hours

Materials required

Mobile phone, tablet or camcorder to shoot the film.

Mobile phone, tablet or computer to edit it.

Apps for editing

- On mobile devices, you can use the FilmoraGo app to edit videos - <https://filmora.wondershare.com/filmorago-video-editing-app/> (tutorial - <https://youtu.be/KKiUewLBbxE>)
- Or here are a few mobile alternatives - <https://www.educationalappstore.com/best-apps/5-best-apps-for-video-editing>
- On a PC, you can edit videos using the Photos app (tutorial - <https://youtu.be/edKDxJ7C8HE>)
- On a Mac, use iMovie (tutorial - <https://youtu.be/U1Hd60lwOyA>)

* Please ask your parent/guardian's permission before installing new apps.

Links to examples

- Muna's Diary (this is subtitled and some readers might need help to follow the text, but the style is similar to the one we'd like you to make) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILFdr7OBiKQ>
- Eila's Diary (this gives an example of a video diary that does not include the creator speaking directly to the camera) - <https://youtu.be/0mX4gDAcY6o>
- Filmmaking tips (some brief handy tips about making films on a phone or tablet) - <https://youtu.be/e1tNnWqz7eI>

