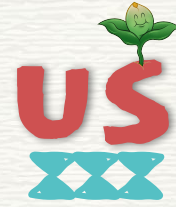




NAMES AND US



NAMES ARE MORE THAN LABELS; THEY ARE SYMBOLS OF OUR IDENTITY, A TESTAMENT TO OUR HERITAGE, AND THE **ROOTS** THAT ANCHOR US IN THE DIVERSE TAPESTRY OF HUMANITY. JUST AS THE **ROOTS OF A TREE** PROVIDE NOURISHMENT, STABILITY, AND A CONNECTION TO THE EARTH, OUR NAMES **GROUND US** IN OUR CULTURAL, FAMILIAL, AND PERSONAL HISTORIES, REMINDING US OF THE INTRICATE STORIES THAT HAVE SHAPED US



ANCESTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WANGARI MAATHAI

1940-2011



Wangari Muta Maathai was born in Nyeri, Kenya (Africa) in 1940. The first woman in East and Central Africa to earn a doctorate degree

On National Council of Women in Kenya from 1976-1987

In 1986, the Movement established a Pan African Green Belt Network to plant trees across Kenya, alleviate poverty and end conflict.

She mobilized Kenyans, particularly women, to plant more than 30 million trees, and inspired the United Nations to launch a campaign that has led to the planting of 11 billion trees worldwide. More than 900,000 Kenyan women benefited from her tree-planting campaign by selling seedlings for reforestation.



"POOR PEOPLE WILL CUT THE LAST TREE TO COOK THE LAST MEAL. THE MORE YOU DEGRADE THE ENVIRONMENT THE MORE YOU DIG DEEPER INTO POVERTY."



« SOME DEEP, SOME NOT »

OUR NAMES SHAPE OUR IDENTITIES.

LIKE ROOTS SHAPE TREES.

SOME ROOTS ARE DEEP AND STRONG, AND THE TREE GROWS TALL.
OTHERS ARE SHALLOW AND WEAK, AND THE TREE REFLECTS THAT.

They can often connect us to family, language, and traditions.



Offering a glimpse into the history that makes up our timeline.



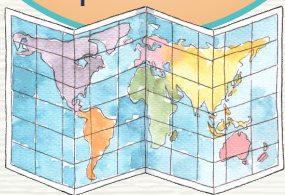
« EITHER WAY, OUR ROOTS, JUST LIKE OUR IDENTITIES, REQUIRE CARE AND ATTENTION »

NAMES HAVE MEANING

Second names (surnames) often hold significance in identity, culture, and heritage.

LOCATION

Surnames reflect geographic origins, offering insight into ancestral roots and migration patterns



CULTURE

Surnames embody cultural practices and values, revealing family history and societal norms



RELIGION

Surnames carry religious significance, indicating faith, tribal lineage, or devotion

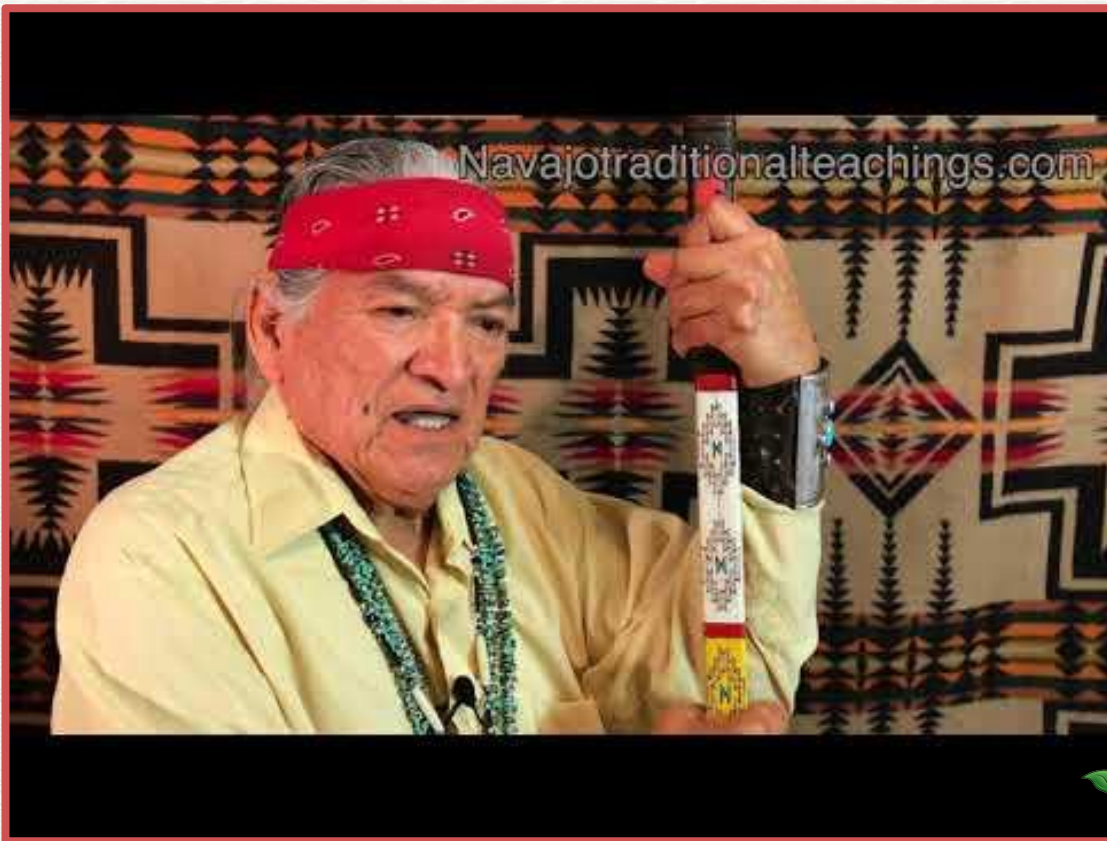


SOCIAL

Surnames are shaped by historical events, professions, and societal changes, mirroring our past and present



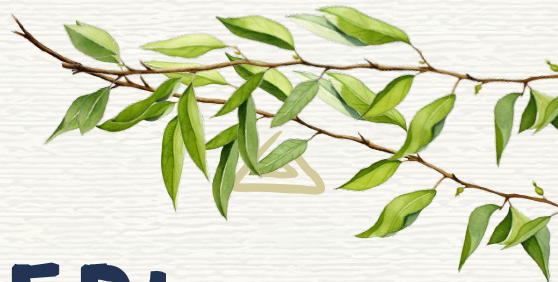
NAVAJO NAMING CEREMONY



REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Based on the Navajo names given during the video, what can you infer about Navajo naming traditions?
- 2) According to the video, why are names important?





QUESTION TO CONSIDER:

In what ways do names in your community represent connections to family, tradition, or history?

Do you know the story of your own name? How it was chosen, why, etc.





SURNAMES BASED ON LOCATION



- **Japanese:** "Sato" (佐藤) - Common in Japan, "Sato" means "sugar" or "help wisteria."



- **Italian:** "Romano" - Derived from "Rome," indicating an origin from the city.



- **Icelandic:** "Jónsson" - "Jón's son," reflecting the patronymic naming tradition.





SURNAMES

BASED ON

CULTURE

- **Chinese:** "Li" (李) - One of the most common Chinese surnames, often linked to the plum tree.



- **Korean:** "Kim" (김) - Widely used in Korea, it signifies "gold."



- **Swahili:** "Mwamba" - In Swahili-speaking regions, "Mwamba" means "rock."





SURNAMES BASED ON RELIGION



- **Muslim:** "Hussain" - A common Islamic surname, often chosen to honor Imam Hussain.



- **Jewish:** "Levi" - Reflects the Levites, a Jewish tribe with religious duties.



- **Hindu:** "Sharma" - Derived from "shram," meaning "joy of performing sacrifices," it's a common Brahmin surname.





SURNAMES

BASED ON

SOCIAL

(ASPECTS)



- **English:** "Smith" - Originating from the occupation of blacksmiths, this is one of the most common English surnames.



- **German:** "Schneider" - Meaning "tailor" in German, signifying a historical trade.



- **Irish:** "Murphy" - Often associated with the surname "Ó Murchadha," meaning "sea warrior" or "noble."



- **Egyptian:** "Aziz" - Derived from the Arabic word for "beloved" or "dear," conveying a sense of importance.



GLOBAL EXAMPLE: THE INUIT



INUIT NAMING TRADITION:

In the Inuit culture, naming is a profound act representing continuity, family ties, and tradition.

Names hold a symbolic link to ancestors, passed down across generations to honor those who previously bore the name.

CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The Inuit naming system is deeply ingrained in cultural practices, reflecting spiritual beliefs and a reverence for the interconnectedness of all life forms.

Names serve as a bridge between the past, present, and future, fostering a sense of unity and community within Inuit society.

Inuit are Indigenous Peoples living in the Arctic regions of Canada, Greenland, Alaska, and Russia. Inuit have lived and thrived in the Arctic for thousands of years.



GLOBAL EXAMPLE: THE INUIT

Inuit

SAUNIQ



The Inuit tradition of naming is encapsulated in the concept of "sauniq," translating to "namesake" or "bone to bone."

This term reflects the profound interconnection among individuals, signifying a spiritual and cultural bond that extends beyond mere naming.

LIFE AMONG THE QALLUNAAT



MINNIE AODLA FREEMAN

Edited and with an afterword by Kelsey Martin and Julio Ruiz



Minnie Aodla Freeman shares her personal story of being named in her 1978 book *Life Among the Qallunaat*.

"BEFORE I WAS BORN, MY MOTHER HAD TO DECIDE WHO WOULD BE INVOLVED AT MY BIRTH. . . . THE FIRST PERSON WHO HAS TO BE THERE IS A MIDWIFE, MAN OR WOMAN. IN MY CASE IT WAS MY GRANDMOTHER. . . . ALSO PRESENT AT MY BIRTH WAS THE PERSON I WAS NAMED AFTER, MY OTHER GRANDMOTHER. THIS AUTOMATICALLY MEANT THAT I WOULD NEVER CALL HER 'GRANDMOTHER' NOR WOULD SHE CALL ME 'GRANDCHILD'. INSTEAD, WE CALLED EACH OTHER SAUNIQ, NAMESAKE, BONE-TO-BONE RELATION . . . OUR BELIEF IS THAT NO ONE REALLY DIES UNTIL SOMEONE IS NAMED AFTER THE DEAD PERSON. SO, TO LEAVE THE DEAD IN PEACE AND TO PREVENT THEIR SPIRITS FROM BEING SCATTERED ALL OVER THE COMMUNITY, WE GIVE THEIR NAMES TO THE NEWBORN. THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE DO NOT REST UNTIL THE DEAD HAVE BEEN RENAMED."



QUESTION TO CONSIDER:

What is the relationship between your name and your identity?

One way to explore that connection is by taking a few minutes to write about your name. What comes to mind?





**“It is through our names
that we first place ourselves
in the world. Our names,
being the gift of others,
must be made our own.”**

- RALPH ELLISON



LET'S CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF HOW NAMES
MAKE US PERCEIVE SOMEONE.



BIRTH NAME

Destiny Hope Cyrus

Abel Makkonen Tesfaye

Norma Jeane Mortenson



Cassius Clay

Elizabeth Grant

Mark Vincent

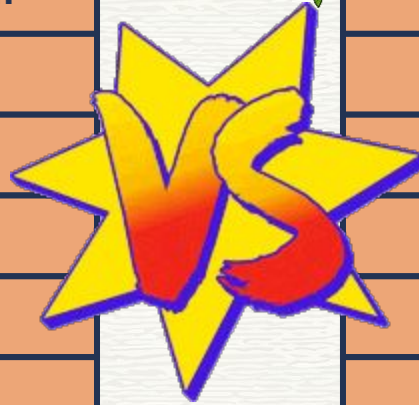
Jacques Webster

Austin Richard Post

Amala Ratna Zandile Dlamini

Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor, Jr

Malcolm Little



PUBLIC NAME

Miley Cyrus

The Weekend

Marilyn Monroe

Muhammad Ali

Lana Del Rey

Vin Diesel

Travis Scott

Post Malone

Doja Cat

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Malcolm X

DISCUSS:

- 1) WHAT REASON WOULD SOMEONE HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR NAME?
- 2) HOW MUCH OF OUR IDENTITY IS WRAPPED UP IN OUR NAMES? DOES YOUR IDENTITY CHANGE IF YOUR NAME CHANGES?

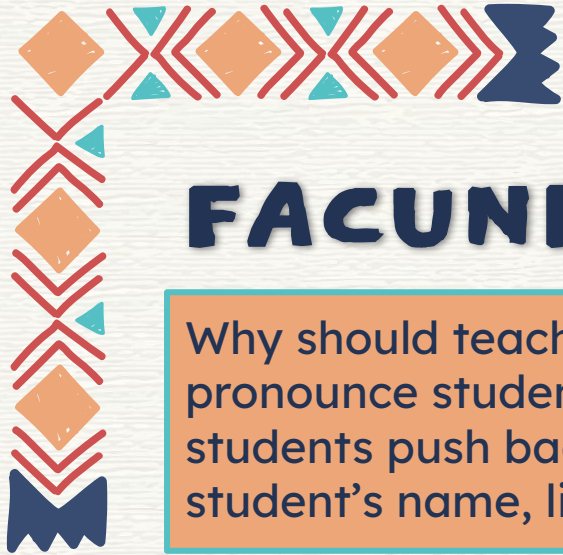


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FACUNDO QUESTION

Why should teachers and peers on campus attempt to pronounce student's names correctly? What ways can students push back when educators change or alter a student's name, like in the video?





THEN VS NOW

TIME FOR SOME REFLECTION...



THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN NAME.

WRITE A REFLECTION FACTS ABOUT THE YOUR NAME FEELS TO YOU.

SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN CONTEMPLATING...

1. I was given my name because . . .
2. I like/dislike my name because . . .
3. My name is/isn't a good fit for my personality because . . .
4. Describe a time when someone made an assumption about you because of your name.
5. Describe a time when your name affected your behavior.





LET'S GET THIS ARTED

OPEN GOOGLE CLASS AND GO TO ASSIGNMENT #__

OPEN INSTRUCTIONS AND BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW
ALONG

