

Handout

Circles of Action Personal Reflection¹

Name: _____

Directions: Respond to the following questions in the order that they appear. For each response, support your thinking with evidence from the unit, as well as your own personal experiences. There is no “right” answer for any of these questions. The goal is for you to think about what you have learned and how you might apply it to your life in the future.

This text set, *From Fitting In to Belonging: Understanding the Forces That Shape Belonging*, centers on the following essential questions:

- What are the forces that shape belonging?
- How can we reduce barriers to belonging for ourselves and others?

Over the course of this short unit, you have analyzed and discussed poetry, a podcast, an informational text, a short story, and personal narratives to help you think about these big questions about belonging and the many forces that can influence whether or not we feel as if we belong. For this final reflection, you will respond to three questions that can help you think about what you have learned and its impact on you in the future.

Question 1: What can I do to reduce the barriers to belonging for myself and others in **my inner circle** (of friends, family, and people I know well)? What text helps me think about this question, and how?

¹ [Circles of Action](#) thinking routine, Project Zero (Harvard Graduate School of Education).

