Core Competencies – Positive Personal and Cultural Identity – Heart Map

Curriculum:

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Learning Goals:

- -Student can identify people, places, and things that are important to them.
- -Student can identify objects or images that represents things that are important to them. -Student can identify individual characteristics and explain what interests them.

Materials

- -Blank paper
- -Pencil
- -Colouring materials (crayon/pencil crayon/markers)

Activities

Create a Heart Map of memories you hold close to your heart.



- -Brainstorming (some helpful questions):
 - Name some memories that hold a positive memory (small or big things)
 - Name some sensory memories (e.g. smells, tastes, etc)
 - People and places that have been important to you and why?
 - Experiences and events that are memorable and why?
 - Objects that are important to you and why?
- -How will you set this up? Do you want one large heart? Several hearts to represent different types of memories?
- -Begin adding memories to your heart map. Perhaps you want the most important memories to take up more space, or to be in a certain place on this map.
- -Make sure to add descriptors and specific words to these memories (e.g. a pets name and description instead of "dog").
- -Do you want the background of each memory to be a certain colour to represent different emotions, experiences, senses, or objects?
- -Pick one memory from your completed heart map to write one to two paragraphs about. Explain why this memory is significant to you.

Extension:

- -Create a poem or fictional story using one of your memories from your Heart Map. OR
- -In what other ways could you represent the significant memories from your Heart Map? Create this representation.

Lesson adapted from Heart Mapping and Writing presented by Georgia Heard