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## Writing a Thesis Statement

Your English class has just finished reading the texts for Unit 1. In this unit, you and your classmates explored the concept of personal and social identity while reading a collection of poems, spoken word, short stories, nonfiction, and a TED Talk. To conclude this unit, you will write an informative essay in which you reflect how the texts from the unit served as a mirror, reflecting back something about your own personal identity, and/or a window offering insight into an unfamiliar experience that, in turn, revealed something about your identity, leading you to a deeper understanding of the first essential question of the unit, "Who are you?"

A. Use the steps below to draft your thesis statement for the multi-paragraph essay.

<p><b>Step 1: Main Idea</b></p> <p>Identify a realization about identity: What big idea about identity are you taking away from reading unit texts?</p>	
<p><b>Step 2: Supporting Ideas</b></p> <p>Choose two unit texts as mirrors and/or windows for yourself</p>	
<p><b>Step 3: Supportable</b></p> <p>Determine if the ideas are supportable with evidence from the text and personal anecdotes</p>	
<p><b>Step 4: Put it all together</b></p> <p>Write a 1-sentence thesis statement that contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a main idea about identity</li><li>• supporting idea 1 (unit text 1)</li><li>• supporting idea 2 (unit text 2)</li></ul>	