

What does it mean to be human?

“Defining an Individual” | OSEU 2: Identity & Resiliency

Compelling Question	What makes me, me?	
Standards and Practices	SD 8.RL.3: Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of character, or provoke a decision. OSEU2.2: Describe the impact of Euro-American ideals, values, rights, philosophy, and beliefs upon Oceti Sakowin people as tribal, state, and US citizens.	
Staging the Question	Identity – those characteristics that make a person unique, while remaining alike others. What determines a person’s identity? (Talk about basic human characteristics; what do we have in common with other mammals, what is different?)	
Supporting Question 1	Supporting Question 2	Supporting Question 3
What is blood quantum? How are Native Americans identified by it?	How is blood quantum similar to the main character’s situation in <i>House of the Scorpion</i> ?	If differences are important to identity, how does one show respect to those differences? How much of a person’s identity can be traced to their genetic makeup, and how much can be traced to their environment?
Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task
Define search terms. Discuss and demonstrate “doing research.” Research blood quantum.	What motivates you in the choices you make? Discussion of how authors reveal their characters’ motives. Analyze the characters’ motives in <i>House of the Scorpion</i> .	Watch videos on nature versus nurture. Discuss nature versus nurture.
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OSEU2: “Interview with Stephanie Charging Eagle” (http://www.wolakotaproject.org/oseu-two/oseu-two-interview-	Book: <i>House of the Scorpion</i>	OSEU2: “Lowell Amiotte - We’re Not All the Same” (http://www.wolakotaproject.org/oseu-two-

with-stephanie-charging-eagle/		lowell-amiotte-were-not-all-the-same/ Nature vs. Nurture Debate: History and Examples https://study.com/academy/lesson/nature-vs-nurture-debate-history-examples.html Gender Differences: The Nature Versus Nurture Debate https://study.com/academy/lesson/gender-differences-the-nature-versus-nurture-debate.html PBS: “Our Genes, Our Choices” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWk5vMB5aXk
Summative Performance Task	Argument	Compare and contrast the advantages and disadvantages of using blood quantum to identify tribal membership?
	Extension	What is your position on blood quantum? What advantages and disadvantages does it hold for tribal members?
Taking Informed Action	Choose a position on the question above and write a letter to one of South Dakota’s Congressional Leaders supporting your position.	

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Where do I go from here?

Standards and Practices

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Discuss: In what ways do your experiences connect to those of the main character?

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Interview an elder or relative and