

I Learn America

Classroom Activity and Discussion

► Compare and contrast yourself (at high school age) with *at least 2 people* from the film. (You may work individually or in a small group.)

- Sing (Myanmar)
- Brandon (Guatemala)
- Sandra (Poland)
- Jennifer (Dominican Republic)
- Qitrat (Pakistan)

► Consider the following - and you may have other interesting ideas, too:

Family	Social relationships	Responsibilities	Personal appearance
Gender	Gender roles	Sexuality	Clothing
Race	Language	Religion	Feelings
Economics	Education	Academics	Confidence
Future dreams	Past experiences	Personality	_____
Culture	Country	Ethnicity	_____

► You may make a chart, draw a Venn diagram, or write a paragraph or two.

► During our whole-class discussion, be prepared to share:

- Which people seem most similar to you, and which are the most different?
- Which have the most in common, and which have the least in common?
- What are some of the ways that all the students, including your own high school self, are the same?
- Can you imagine moving your teenaged self to a new country, culture, school, language, etc., and dealing with everything else that you experienced just being a teenager in a *familiar* context? What kinds of challenges would you face?