

Name Story Assignment

Option One

Interview members of your family to find out additional details about your name. You can ask questions about why you were named as you were, what other names were considered, and who ended up picking out your name.

In addition to the information that others can tell you about your name, gather your own ideas about your name by writing about these questions:

- How do you feel about your name?
- How do others respond to your name?
- If you could pick out your own names, what would you select?

Option Two

If you have a nickname, explore where your nickname came from. You can consider a nickname that your family has given you or one that friends have given you. The only requirement is that you either you can interview someone who knows the story of how the nickname was chosen OR you were there when the nickname was chosen so you're aware of the details of the choice.

Ask questions or think and write about why you were given the nickname you were, what other nicknames were considered, and who ended up picking out your nickname.

In addition, you can gather your own ideas about your nickname by writing about these questions:

- How do you feel about your name?
- How do others respond to your name?
- If you could pick out your own names, what would you select?

Option Three

Explore the story of a friend or family member's name. You can choose someone you want to learn more about or someone with an unusual name. Interview the person you've chosen to learn more about how he or she was named. You can ask questions about why the person was named as he or she was, what other names were considered, and who ended up picking out the name.

To learn more about the person's name, you can these interview questions:

- How do you feel about your name?
- How do others respond to your name?
- If you could pick out your own names, what would you select?