

Names and Identity Project

For this project, write three short paragraphs about your name and how it relates to your identity. After you have revised the paragraph based on feedback, then create a presentation with the information. You will see samples in class. You may use PowerPoint, Google Slides, Adobe Spark or other program.

Outline for paragraph:

- **Format:** In the upper left-hand corner, include a heading with your name, your instructor's name, the class -- Level 7, and the date; a title; indent the first line; double space; use good margins
- **Title:** My Name or some other appropriate title
- **Paragraph 1:** Explain the meaning of your name in your language and/or other languages. What does your name make you think of? Does your name match you (your identity, personality)? Why or why not?
- **Paragraph 2:** Interview your parents or family members in order to explain how you got your name. Who named you? Why was this name chosen for you? Are you named after someone in your family? Do any famous people have the same name as you do?
- **Paragraph 3:** If you could change your name to any other name, would you? If yes, what name would you choose and why? If not, why?
- **Check your spelling and grammar!**

Outline for presentation:

1. An introduction slide with a title and your name
2. The origin / meaning of your name
3. How you got your name, and if you like your name
4. If you could, would you change your name? Why or why not?
5. Conclusion: One last thing about your name and how it fits you / your identity or not. Thank the audience and take questions.

Example

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[Instructor's name]

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My Name: It Suits Me Fine

My first name is Kristin, a variation of the name Christina. Kristin was the name of a 17th Century Swedish queen who was interested in arts and philosophy. She gave up being a queen so that she could become Catholic. Like Queen Kristin, I also like arts and philosophy. Similarly, I believe that people must stand up for their beliefs even if they have to make some sacrifices. I do not really like the name Kristin because to me it sounds too serious. Therefore, since elementary school I have used the shorter version, Kristi. This name to me sounds more fun, cheerful, and energetic than Kristin. Kristi is like sun streaming in the window early in the morning. It is like the feeling of jumping in a pool of crystal, cool water on a hot summer day. It is like driving a car by yourself for the very first time. When I see my full name, Kristin, on official documents, I feel like, "That's not me!" Isn't it funny what one little letter, in this case the letter "n," can make? When I was young, my parents gave me the nickname Kiki, and I didn't like that. Now, however, I do, and I often sign text messages or emails to my family with this nickname. It's shorter and faster to type.

When I asked my mom what made her choose my name, she said that she simply liked it, and it was a typical Norwegian name. My great-grandparents immigrated to this country in the 1800s from Denmark, a northern European, Scandinavian country. My mother also said that the other names she considered naming me were "Ursula" and "Sasha." Sasha is not bad, but in English, Ursula sounds like a name for an ugly, mean old woman. Thank goodness she chose Kristin!

Would I ever consider changing my name? As mentioned, I already have shortened it from Kristin to Kristi, and I think that has made a big difference in who I am. I do not think I would ever change my name to some other name. Kristi is who I am and who I always will be in my heart, mind, and soul.