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Pick a partner. Interview each other with the following questions:

1. WHAT INFLUENCES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO HOW YOU DO YOUR WORK (AS A STUDENT, AS AN EMPLOYEE AT A PAID JOB, AS A PARTICIPANT IN AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY, ETC.)?

- HOW HAS YOUR FAMILY BACKGROUND INFLUENCED THE WAY YOU APPROACH YOUR WORK?
- ARE THERE ANY INFLUENTIAL BELIEF SYSTEMS OR RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL FACTORS?

2. WHO HAS HAD THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR APPROACH TO WORK AND/OR HOW YOU HAVE MADE CRUCIAL DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR WORK?

- WOULD YOU CONSIDER ANY OF THEM TO BE MENTORS? HOW DID THEY AFFECT YOU? WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THEM?
- IS THERE SOMEONE YOU ADMIRE WHO YOU DON'T KNOW PERSONALLY?
- ANY "ANTI-MENTORS"—PEOPLE YOU DON'T WANT TO MODEL YOURSELF AFTER? HOW DO THEY AFFECT YOU?
- AN INFLUENTIAL BOOK?

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3. DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS OR OTHER PEOPLE WHO SHARE YOUR INTERESTS? WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THEM?

5. LET'S SAY SOMEONE YOU ADMIRED AS A _____ (MUSICIAN, PAINTER, ETC.) DID SOMETHING THAT YOU DID NOT THINK WAS RIGHT (E.G., PRESENTED A WORK BY SOMEONE ELSE AS HIS OR HER OWN). WHAT WOULD YOU THINK ABOUT THAT PERSON AS A _____ (ROLE)?

4. WHO ARE YOUR HEROES?

• WHY DO YOU ADMIRE EACH ONE OF THEM?

