

## Plan on a Page | Lesson 4: Finding Belonging in the World

### Guiding Questions:

- How can words of wisdom from role models and mentors help us cultivate our own sense of identity and belonging in the world?
  - Why is it important to develop relationships that help us feel seen, valued, and secure in our sense of belonging?
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### Activities:

#### 1. Reflect on Supportive Relationships

Prepare to watch this lesson's short animated film by having students reflect in their journals on what it feels like when a role model or mentor shares wisdom or advice that helps you feel seen and valued. Let them know that they will not be required to share what they write. Use the questions in the lesson plan to prompt their thinking.

#### 2. Watch a Short Animated Film about "Pearls of Wisdom"

Students learn how pearls are created and learn about the phrase "pearls of wisdom". Have students watch the StoryCorps short video that you selected from the options provided in the lesson plan. After watching, ask students to respond to the questions in the lesson plan in a **Think-Pair-Share** activity and then debrief as a whole class.

#### 3. Create and Share "Pearls of Wisdom"

Distribute the **"Pearls of Wisdom" Graphic Organizer** and tell students that they are going to write, draw, or collage a piece of wisdom on the handout. Gather art supplies—colored pencils, pens, crayons, magazines—then let students get to work creating their own pearls of wisdom. Then, students can share their "pearls" with the class—they can post them around the room for a **gallery walk**, present them in a circle discussion, or share them in pairs or triads.