



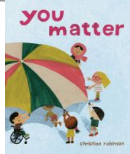
High

Quarterly  
Theme

Identity

Step  
1

## Listen & Read



*You Matter*  
by Christian Robinson

Step  
2

## Consider Reading

*Sunny G's Series of Rash Decisions*

by Navdeep Singh Dhillon

*Snake Falls to Earth*

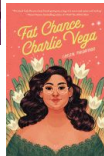
by Darcie Little Badger

*Vinyl Moon*

by Mahogany Browne

*Fat Chance Charlie Vega* (available in Spanish)

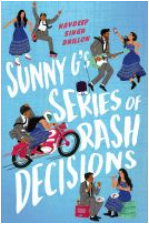







by Crystal Maldonado



Step  
3

## Have Some Fun

Physical Action	Find a song that represents something about your identity. Choreograph movements to perform with to the song.
Creative Action	Create an identity mask. The front of the mask should include visible characteristics about you (what people can see). On the back of the mask, include details about your identity that people may not know (are not visible).
Written Action	Write an acrostic poem, which is a poem where the first letter of each line spells a word. Write your first name vertically on a piece of paper. Think of a word that describes you for each line of the poem.
Community Action	With parent/guardian permission, talk with people in your community. Ask them to share things about their identity to find out what you have in common.

Book	Availability	Summary
		<p>Sunny G's brother left him one thing when he died: His notebook, which Sunny is determined to fill up with a series of rash decisions. Decision number one was a big one: He stopped wearing his turban, cut off his hair, and shaved his beard. He doesn't look like a Sikh anymore. He doesn't look like himself anymore. Even his cosplay doesn't look right without his beard. Sunny debuts his new look at prom, which he's stuck going to alone. Enter Mindii Vang, a girl with a penchant for making rash decisions of her own, starting with stealing Sunny's notebook. When Sunny chases after her, prom turns into an all-night adventure—a night full of rash, wonderful, romantic, stupid, life-changing decisions.</p>
		<p>Nina is a Lipan girl in our world. She's always felt there was something more out there. She still believes in the old stories. Oli is a cottonmouth kid, from the land of spirits and monsters. Like all cottonmouths, he's been cast from home. He's found a new one on the banks of the bottomless lake. Nina and Oli have no idea the other exists. But a catastrophic event on Earth, and a strange sickness that befalls Oli's best friend, will drive their worlds together in ways they haven't been in centuries. And there are some who will kill to keep them apart. Darcie Little Badger introduced herself to the world with <i>Elatsoe</i>. In <i>A Snake Falls to Earth</i>, she draws on traditional Lipan Apache storytelling structure to weave another unforgettable tale of monsters, magic, and family. It is not to be missed.</p>
		<p>Uses poems, essays, and other prose to tell the story of domestic abuse survivor Angel, who struggles to recover and find herself again after the incident forces a move from California to Brooklyn. Though she struggles in her new school, she finds solace in Ms. G's classroom where the words of strong black female writers resonate with her. The words she reads speak to her pain, help her make sense of what happened, and give her hope for the future.</p>
		<p>Charlie Vega is a lot of things. Smart. Funny. Artistic. Ambitious. Fat. People sometimes have a problem with that last one. Especially her mom. Charlie wants a good relationship with her body, but it's hard, and her mom leaving a billion weight loss shakes on her dresser doesn't help. The world and everyone in it have ideas about what she should look like: thinner, lighter, slimmer-faced, straighter-haired. <i>Be smaller. Be whiter. Be quieter.</i> But there's one person who's always in Charlie's corner: her best friend Amelia. Slim. Popular. Athletic. Totally dope. So when Charlie starts a tentative relationship with cute classmate Brian, the first worthwhile guy to notice her, everything is perfect until she learns one thing--he asked Amelia out first. So is she his second choice or what? Does he even really see her? Because it's time people did.</p>