YOU'RE YOU AND THAT'S ENOUGH

Dear Evan Hansen shows us that what things look like on the outside don't always reflect the reality of what's going on in someone's life. In order to get to know someone's reality, it's essential to really *see* them. Plus, when people feel seen and understood, they're more likely to succeed in school and beyond.*

How can we make an effort to really *see* people better? One way is by just talking to them to learn more about them. Try it out by interviewing a classmate about what makes them unique. Use the information your partner will provide to come up with five to seven questions you can ask in the interview. Remember these tips:

- Ask open-ended questions — that is, questions that you can't answer with one word — to get your interviewee talking.
- Plan ahead to ask follow-up questions!
- Be sensitive. If your interviewee feels uncomfortable, move on from the question.

Take notes as you interview on a separate sheet of paper to use for follow-up discussion.

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