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Social Justice Poetry: Do Now

Answer one of the following:

- Talk about one of the first moments you noticed human difference. Begin with this line: "I first noticed his/her/their _____."
- Talk about a time when you noticed that something about you was different from those around you. Begin with this line: "I first noticed that I was _____ when _____."
- Draw a line down the middle of a page. On the left side, make a list of your identities. On the right side, write about times when you are aware of being one of those identities more than another.
- Have you ever felt privileged or disadvantaged because of some unchangeable aspect of who you are?

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Social Justice Poetry: Writing Activity

These authors concern themselves with both their own intersectional identities and the intersection of the personal and the political. Brainstorm some aspects of your own personal history (or present) and how your story blends and bends with that of a larger, more expansive history (or present). Time permitting, begin a poem.

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