

## Identity: What defines me? Why does it matter?

“Never forget what you are, for surely the world will not. Make it your strength. Then it can never be your weakness. Armour yourself in it, and it will never be used to hurt you.”

— [George R.R. Martin, \*A Game of Thrones\*](#)

Notes: copy the notes that are in **RED** on the powerpoint. Use the subtitles below as your guide for organizing.

**Why are we exploring this topic?**

**Identity in Adolescence: The “Experts” theory by Erik Erikson (1959)**

**Copy down ONE of the quotes from slide #5 that you like.**

“Juicy” by Notorious BIG

It was all a dream  
I used to read Word Up magazine  
Salt'n'Pepa and Heavy D up in the limousine  
Hangin' pictures on my wall  
Every Saturday Rap Attack, Mr. Magic, Marley Marl  
Now honies play me close like butter played toast  
From the Mississippi down to the east coast  
Condos in Queens, indo for weeks  
Sold out seats to hear Biggie Smalls speak  
Livin' life without fear  
Puttin' 5 karats in my baby girl's ears  
Lunches, brunches, interviews by the pool  
Considered a fool 'cause I dropped out of high school  
Stereotypes of a black male misunderstood  
And it's still all good  
We used to fuss when the landlord dissed us  
No heat, wonder why Christmas missed us  
Birthdays was the worst days  
Now we sip champagne when we thirst-ay  
Uh, damn right I like the life I live  
'Cause I went from negative to positive  
And it's all good.

