

Handout

The Challenge of Sharing Soul Stories Discussion

Directions: Discuss the following questions with your group members and record ideas on this handout. Support your thinking with evidence from the video, as well as other readings, class discussions, and your personal experiences.

1. Choose a color and a symbol or image to represent the idea of ego stories and soul stories. Sketch or insert your ideas in the chart and explain your reasoning in the space below the chart.

Ego Stories	Soul Stories
<p>What color represents ego stories?</p>	<p>What color represents soul stories?</p>
<p>What symbol or image represents ego stories?</p>	<p>What symbol or image represents soul stories?</p>

What makes you say that?

2. Why do you think ego stories are easier to tell than soul stories?

3. What factors can make it difficult for young people to share their soul stories with one another, in person and online?

4. Review Rudy Francisco’s “My Honest Poem” and the personal essays from Adiah, AJ, Lauren, and Zöe that you read in recent classes. How do one or more of these texts connect to ideas about identity in Priya Vulchi and Winona Gao’s TED Talk? How does the TED Talk extend your understanding of identity?

Connect	Extend

5. List three concrete steps that we could take in this class to create a space where everyone feels like they can share the stories that matter to them and shape their lives. Then explain the impact that these stories would have on the classroom community.