

APPENDIX A: SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY IDEAS ON LEADERSHIP & CULTURE

These general outlines for activities may be added in to the curriculum or used on their own.

Interview Activities

Participants interview a grandparent or other person from their cultural background who embodies leadership. As a group, develop questions to ask. Share results with the group. This can be done with written notes from the interviews, discussions about how the interviews went, recordings, pictures, reading aloud favorite things the interviewee said, etc. Your program can host a special gathering night to which interviewees and other family members are invited to share food, talk about culture, or share experiences from the interviews.

Participants can also interview someone they see as having leadership skills to gain suggestions on developing leadership skills – and then share those suggestions with the group.

Art, Performance & Creativity Activities

Art is a powerful tool for reflection, exploration and learning. Here are some ways it can be useful in this curriculum:

- **Writing:** Youth in your program can take time for writing poetry, stories, songs, hip-hop, essays, etc about their experiences. These personal pieces can be about navigating the worlds of cross-cultural leadership, learning about their own culture, becoming a leader, bridge-building, or seeing leaders in their own communities and beyond.
- **Performance:** Working as a group toward a final performance or “sharing night” can be a bonding process for a group, as well as a reflection tool for individual experiences within the group. Consider hosting a performance night, where youth can share some of the above writing, spoken word, dance, movement, or other media. Invite families and friends. Consider themes based on leadership and culture. Encourage the group to be aware of how they work together in planning the event – are they working as bridge-builders? What are their leadership styles?
- **Visual Art:** Encourage youth to create visual pieces about culture, leadership and their own experiences. These can include collages, paintings, photography, etc. Display these in your program space if possible, especially if you are hosting a performance night.