



Writing for Change

RAISING AWARENESS OF DIFFERENCE, POWER, AND DISCRIMINATION

4.10 Recognizing Achievements

Objectives

Identify and analyze the contributions made to a particular field by a person of color.

Develop an appreciation of the factors helping and hindering that person's ability to achieve in the field.

Materials needed

Pen and paper, or copies of the handout

Reference materials

Time needed

Sixty minutes or more

Instructor directions

Have your students identify a person of color who has made a difference in their major or field.

Ask them to describe that person's contribution and to discuss her or his experiences as a person of color in the field.



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Directions

Identify a person of color who has made a difference in your major or field.

Describe that person's contribution, and discuss her or his experiences as a person of color in the field.

Answer the following questions:

How did this person's contribution enrich the field?

What disadvantages and advantages were conferred by that person's racial identity?

How did that person respond to the challenges associated with being a person of color in your field?

How did that person take advantage of opportunities?

What does that person cite as being sources of strength or support?

How does or will that person's experiences affect you and your participation in the major or field?