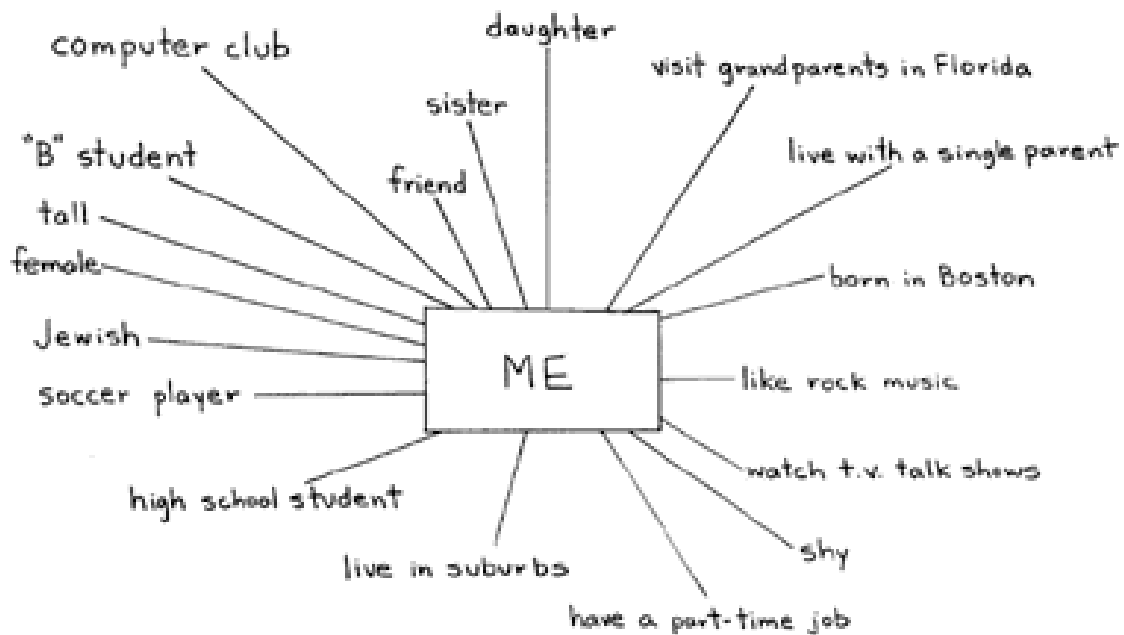


Identity

"Who am I?" is a question that each of us asks at some time in our life. In answering, we define ourselves. The word "define" means "to separate one thing from all of the others." What distinguishes you from all others? From other students at AHS? Create an identity chart for yourself. The diagram below is an example of an identity chart. Individuals fill it in with the words they call themselves as well as the labels society gives them. What phrases do you use to define yourself? What words do others use to define you? Include both on the diagram.



Compare your charts with those of your classmates. Which categories were included on every chart? Which appeared on only a few charts? As you look at other charts your perspective may change. You may wish to add new categories to the one you created. This activity allows you to see the world through multiple perspectives. What labels would others attach to you? Do they see you as a leader or a follower? Are you a conformist or a rebel? Are you a peacemaker, a bully, or a bystander? How do society's labels influence the way you see yourself? The kinds of choices you and others make each day? For example, if a person is known as a bully, how likely is he or she to live up to that label?