

“Who Am I?”
Multi-Cultural Brief Study Guide

Before you read:

1. When people ask you, “Who are you?”, do you know what to say?
2. When you moved to this country/Charlottesville, was it an easy decision? Explain.
3. Now that you are here, is your life here what you thought it was going to be or is it different? Explain.

Vocabulary:

Spit	Anxiety	Sorrow	Naively	Argue	Needy
Unstable	Curiosity	Confidence	Burden	Income	Challenge
Choice	Zero	Opportunity		“Look on the bright side”	

After you read:

1. Describe the writer’s life before she came to the U.S.

2. Why did she come to the U.S.?

3. What were some of the things she worried about before she came here?

4. What opportunities did she hope to have when she came here?

5. In what ways has she been disappointed in the six months since she came here?

6. How does she tend to act when she thinks about these unhappy thoughts?

7. What did her husband say to her that made her begin to think differently? Why was this important?

8. What does the writer mean when she says, "I'm starting at zero"?

Writing:

Write a description of who you are today. Is it different from who you were before you came here? Why did you come to Charlottesville? What did you worry about before you came? What did you hope would happen after you came? How is your life here different from what you thought it would be? What can you do to make this life the one you want it to be?

Title: Who Am I?

Who am I? I am ...

Before, I was ...

I came to Charlottesville because ...

Before I came, I worried about moving here because ...

The things I hoped/thought would happen were ...

My life here is different from what I thought it would be for the following reasons: ...

There are ways I can make my life a good one even if it is different from what I thought before. ...
