

Comprehension

1. **Recall** In "The Medicine Bag," why does Martin's grandfather come to visit?
2. **Recall** What does the medicine bag contain?
3. **Represent** Create a sketch of María in her Who You Are Day outfit. Make sure your sketch reflects the details in the selection.

COMMON CORE

RL1 Cite textual evidence to support inferences drawn from the text. **RL3** Analyze how dialogue or incidents in a story reveal aspects of character.

Text Analysis

4. **Make Inferences** In "The Medicine Bag," how do Martin's mother, father, and sister each feel about Grandpa? Cite details from the story to support your answer.
5. **Draw Conclusions About a Central Character** How are Martin's feelings about his grandfather and his Sioux heritage affected by the kind of neighborhood he lives in?
6. **Interpret Ideas** In "Who Are You Today, María?" what do you think María's English teacher means in line 11 when he asks, "are you going to walk around as a joke or as a poem"?
7. **Compare and Contrast Characters** Compare Martin's relationship with Grandpa to María's relationship with Abuela. Which relationship creates more conflict within the central character? Explain.
8. **Analyze Theme** What message about identity does each story contain?

Comparing Characters

9. **Set a Purpose for Reading** Now that you've read both stories, finish filling in your chart. Then add the final question and answer it, too.

	Martin	María
How does his or her environment affect him or her?		
What is his or her relationship with grandparent like?		
What is his or her attitude toward cultural heritage?		
Does the character change in any way? Explain.		

What shows others WHO we are?

How has reading these two selections influenced your ideas about your own identity?

Answer "Text Analysis" Questions 4-8 . . .