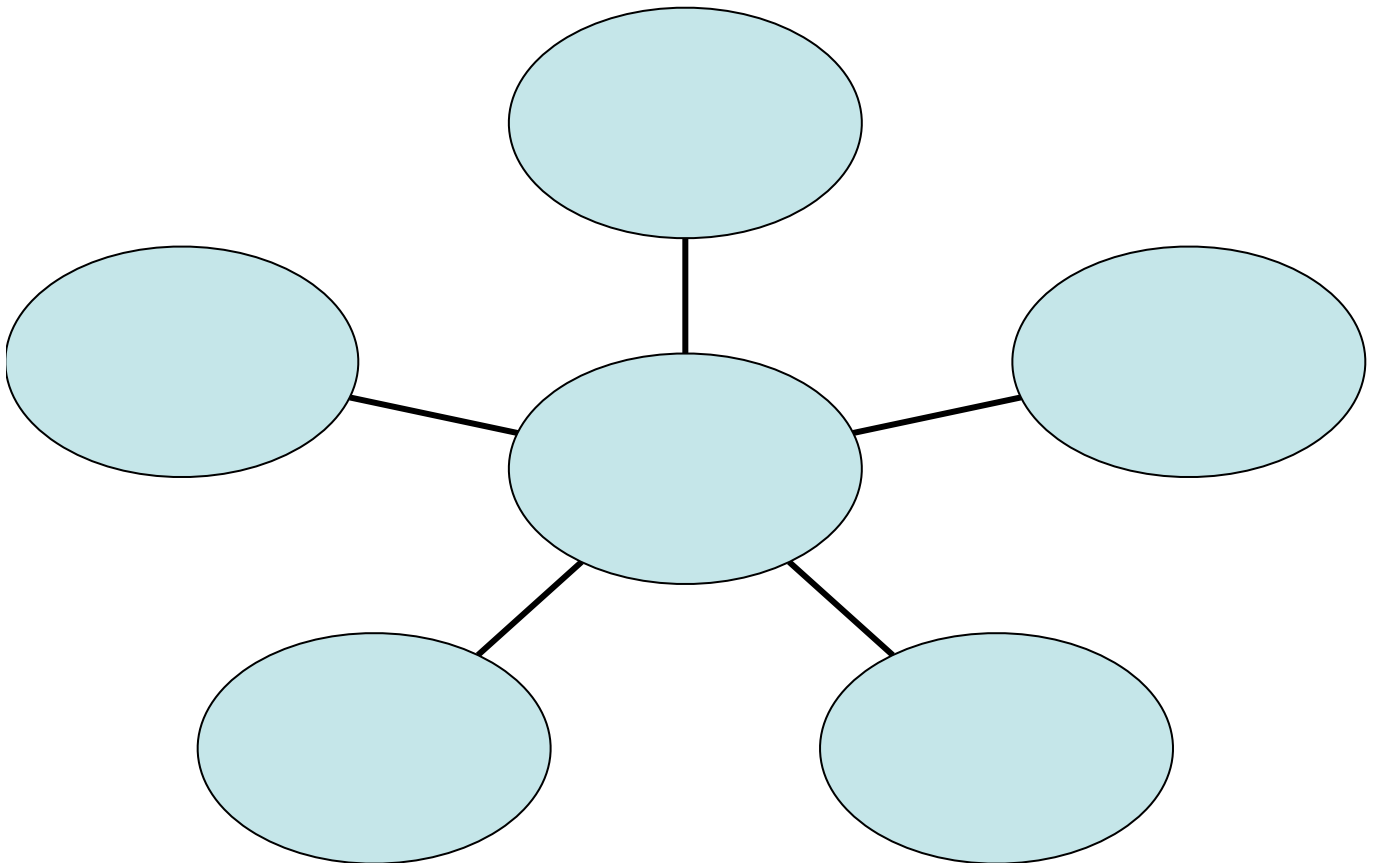


# Circles of My Self

This activity highlights the multiple dimensions of our identities. Place your name in the center circle of the structure below. Write an important aspect of your identity in each of the satellite circles -- an identifier or descriptor that you feel is important in defining you. This can include any role or personal/social/cultural descriptor with which you identify.



1. Think about a story about a time you were especially proud to identify yourself with one of the descriptors you used above.

2. Think about story about a time it was especially painful or difficult to be identified with one of your identifiers or descriptors.

3. Name a stereotype associated with one of the groups with which you identify that is not consistent with who you are. Fill in the following sentence:

I am (a/an) \_\_\_\_\_ but I am NOT (a/an)\_\_\_\_\_.

For example, if one of my identifiers was "Religious," and I thought a stereotype was that all Religious are Fundamentalists, my sentence would be: I am a Religious, but I am NOT Fundamentalist.

# Dimensions of Diversity

The following is a diagram that can assist you in thinking of the many ways in which we are different and similar, and the various levels at which this diversity impacts both the private and public spheres of our lives:

