

Connections Activity

Title/Skill:	Memory Circle/ Ice Breaker
Connection Goal:	Personalization
Grade Level:	9-12
Month:	September
Time Needed:	5-15 minutes

Handouts/Materials Provided:
None Required

Summary of Activity for the Advisor:

1. Place students in their seats and arrange in a circle.
 2. Model: Each student will introduce themselves and share one piece of interesting information. For example, "I'm Joe, and I'm allergic to shellfish."
 3. Choose one student to start. The student will introduce him/herself and share one piece of information. Next, the student to the right will have to repeat the first student's name and information and then add his or her name/information. For example, "That's Joe. He's allergic to shellfish, and I'm Jane, and my favorite color is orange." The last person in the circle will have to repeat all of the names and information.
 4. Repeat the process going in the opposite direction, so that the last person becomes the first person, etc. Try not to allow students to repeat personal information. If a student is stuck, they must ask the student directly for their name or information. There is no helping from the group.
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Read/Review/Discuss/Do with students:

- Review information that was shared.
- Ask students follow up questions, i.e., "When did you find out you were allergic to shellfish?"
- Discuss effectiveness of this game in terms of personalization.