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Response-Ability Teacher Orientation

What do YOU bring to the RA Experience?

Please conduct the following interview with your partner. Take notes and be prepared to introduce your interviewee. Feel free to be curious and ask follow-up questions that might arise during the conversation.

1. How do you identify yourself? What are some pertinent characteristics that describe you, such as background, race, education, family, social status, culture, ethnicity, religion?

What are your strengths and weaknesses?

2. What brought you to Response-Ability?

3. What have your educational experiences been like?

Where have you attended school? What kind of student were you? What did you like/dislike about school? What did you learn? How did you learn best?

Describe your favorite teacher. Your favorite learning experience (not limited to in-school).

Describe your least favorite teacher. Your least favorite learning experience.

4. Examine the privileges you have enjoyed in your life so far. (anything that may have made life a little easier for you?)

5. Discuss some challenges that you have been faced with and/or overcome in your life. What tools or supports helped you to overcome the challenge?

What is the biggest challenge you have overcome?

6. Have you ever been in a situation where you were a minority? Talk about this experience. How did you feel? How did you act? How did others treat you?

7. What experiences have you had with diverse populations?

8. What are some of your fears regarding your upcoming year as a RA volunteer? What are some of your expectations? What are you excited about?