

Mapping My Education Journey

Think about your educational experiences, beginning with your earliest memories through today. (5 minutes)

- *What were some of the messages you received from your parents, teachers, or other important adults?*
- *What type of expectations were set for you?*
- *Who encouraged you?*
- *Who discouraged you?*
- *Were there differences in the access or treatment you received compared to that of your friends, classmates, or siblings? If so, what were these differences?*

Illustrating My Education Journey

Now, use the art supplies to visualize and map your educational journey, depicting your responses to the questions above. (10 minutes)

Please try to use text only as captions.

This is not a test of your artistic abilities; instead it is an expressive way to unveil some of the feelings and impressions of your educational experiences.

Debriefing My Education Journey

Group presentation of illustrations (5 minutes)

Group discussion reflecting on this process (5 minutes):

- *Was there anything that stood out to you?*
- *What surprised you?*
- *Were you able to identify your advocates? Who were these people? What role did they play in your educational journey?*
- *Were there any critics that came to mind? How did they impact your educational journey?*
- *Could you turn this into an essay to get into the PhD? If so, how?*