

8 JOURNAL PROMPTS TO GENERATE PROJECT IDEAS

1. **Connecting to Purpose** - What gives me life; What keeps me up at night; What gifts do I have to give to the world
2. **Connecting to Joy** - What is something true; what is something good; what is something hopeful
3. **Connecting to Self and Others** - What is something that matters to me; What is something that matters to my family; What is something that matters to my community
4. **Connecting to Critical Consciousness** - Think of an issue, a historical event, or a piece of general knowledge or understanding that you think may not accurately reflect all perspectives, in particular the perspectives of historically marginalized communities. Take some time to capture the details of the issue, event, or piece of general knowledge and the perspectives involved. Who is represented? Whose voices are missing?
 - a. *Note: In the subsequent activities, be sure to move students into analyzing this inequity and taking action.*
5. **Connecting to Issues** - From your own knowledge or by reviewing news headlines, identify 3-5 issues that feel important to you. Then, complete the following:
 - a. What - Take notes or describe the selected issue(s).
 - b. So What - Why does this issue matter to you or others?
 - c. Now What - Prioritize the list of issues. To which do you feel most strongly called to take action and why?
6. **Connecting to Vision** - What would the world look like if it was just and equitable for all? Describe that world. Then, identify what needs to exist in order to make that world possible.
7. **Connecting to Story** - Take some time to think about stories that resonate with you. Then, identify a list of stories you either (a.) want others to know about or (b.) stories you wish to tell.
8. **Connecting to Identity or Culture** - Complete the graphic organizer to get clear on who you are and what topics you wish to explore.
 - a. What do I know about my identity or culture?
 - b. What do I want to know about my identity or culture?
 - c. What do I want others to know about my identity or culture?
 - d. What issues impact people with my identity or culture?