**What's in a Name?**

Names in many cultures have traditionally held tremendous significance, and naming is a very important event for creating identity.

1. Look at a map of Canada and find 3 locations you think are named from First Nations words and research what they mean.
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Cheater site if lost… <http://www.freespiritgallery.ca/aboriginalnames.htm>

1. Look at the website <http://www.cutebabynames.org/nativeamerican-baby-names.aspx?originID=47>

What are your favorite names (what name would you give your future babies? Meaning?

Girl - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -

Boy - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -

What name would you choose for yourself? Why do you associate with this name?

1. Research your name in <http://www.ohbabynames.com> and find out its history and association. Summarize some interesting points here. When was it most popular <http://www.behindthename.com/> and <http://names.org>
2. What does your name actually mean? Find it on names.org, but try a few other sites to get a well rounded meaning.
3. **Culture – Simple Definition**

*the beliefs, customs, arts, etc., of a particular society, group, place, or time*

What culture do you most identify with? It need not be based on ethnicity but could be something like "Hockey", "Goth", "Fitness", "Business", "Environmental", etc. or it could be religious or cultural like "Christian", "Muslim" or "French" to name a few. Defend your cultural choice.

Cultural Choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reason you chose it?

What group belongs to your culture?

What are the basis of your beliefs?

What are your customs/arts/traditions?

1. Using all your hard work above, and the Storybook of "Thunder Jr. we read in class, create your own story of what your cultural names might be. Create a little context (background and reasoning) and then try a minimum of 6 different names.

Level 1 – Simple naming practice only, not enough perhaps.

Level 2 – Names with some context and reasonably well done with cultural context

Level 3 – Strong names, culturally based and context provided, some graphics

Level 4 – Thoughtful naming, strong cultural basis, beautiful visuals, unique format.

Context:

Names:

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| Because I … | I should be named… |
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