Have you ever heard someone say...

"I was that student who always excelled at everything."
"I was that student who was always picked last at recess time."
"I was that student who didn't speak English."
"I was that student whose parents were overly involved at my school."

At one time in school, you most likely felt your experiences were unique in some way. Easily, you can finish this statement,

"I was that student who......"

Social Identity Theory

- A person's concept of self is influenced by the people and the groups that they belong to (Turner & Tajfel, 1979).

- In addition to adults and peers influencing our individual learning, cultural beliefs and attitudes also impact how instruction and learning take place.

Significant events in your elementary education may influence you as a person and as an employee.
I was THAT Kid!

Miss Honda was my favorite third grade teacher. My best friends were Ron, Kelle, and Adrienne. I was an award for reading the most books. During music time in kindergarten, I always wanted to play the cymbals but never had the chance to. I couldn't find my brother after school (4th grade).

As you think of your events consider....

Why those events are important?
What happened during that moment that keeps you holding onto the past? Do you think these memories are shaping your present-day decisions?
What were any social, cultural, or environmental factors that may have contributed to these events?
How have those events shaped your thinking today?

Ranking Events on Positive/Negative Graph
1. Look at your brainstorm list
2. Think, if the event was a positive experience, how would you rank this experience from +3 to +5.
3. Think, if the event was a negative experience, how would you rank this experience from -1 to -5.

Small Group Sharing
We categorize objects/events in order to understand and identify them (McLeod, S.A., 2008).

In pairs or triads, share your positive-negative remembrances.

Were there any similar experiences?
• What differences were there, if any?
• What did you learn from each other?

Takeaways and Wonderings

What experiences continue to have an impact on you? Why so?
If these experiences did not happen, would you be in a different mindset or person today?
What do you wonder about these experiences now that you have reflected?

Mahalo! Happy Summer!