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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......”

Significant events in your elementary education may influence you as a person and as an employee.

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.

Make a list of up to 15 positive and negative events in your elementary years.

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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 have shaped your thinking today?

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!