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Class: _____ Date: _____

Your Name is Beautiful!

An activity of Stories of Casual Racism

When a baby is born, one of the most exciting decisions is what to name her. There are all sorts of naming traditions that families follow. Names also have meanings that are often taken seriously.

It is a pity then that kids sometimes get teased because of their names. Read “What’s in a Name?” for other ways in which names are not always valued as they should be. You will find the article online at <http://more.whatsup.sg/>. Then, complete this exercise.

A) Approach eight classmates whose names sound beautiful to you. Fill in the following table to learn more about the names. If anyone does not know the origin and meaning of his or her name, do an internet search to get the answers. Remember to share your findings with that person.

Name	Origin	Meaning
<i>Example: Kiran</i>	<i>Sanskrit</i>	<i>Ray of light</i>
My name:		
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

B) Reflect on what this activity demonstrates. Can you think of other activities that might help kids appreciate the wonderful variety of names people have? Get together with your friends and do those as well!