# READING CIRCLE ON DIVERSITY

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#### Table de concertation des groupes de femmes

GASPÉSIE · ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE



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### SUMMARY

In this learning exercise and evaluation, teams of students read a variety of short stories on diversity (one per team). Based on their readings and playing one of the the 5 different roles outlined to organize the activity, students have the opportunity to participate in a rich and stimulating reading experience. All teams are asked to create a poster on the story they read and to present it to the class. Following the presentation participants will reflect on the role they can play in becoming more accepting of diversity.

## We should all know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value, no matter what their color."

MAYA ANGELOU-POET, AUTHOR, EDUCATOR, ACTRESS, FILMMAKER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, 1928 – .





## THE SEXUALITY WHEEL

The Sexuality Wheel shows how broad the idea of sexuality really is. Each part of the wheel represents 1 part of who we are, and how these parts are all connected and influenced by each other. The boxes on the left side of the wheel show who we are by nature, while the ones on the right show who we are taught or who we learn to be. When all parts of the wheel are healthy, our sexuality is healthy.



SEXUALITY EDUCATION

### **GROUND RULES**

- No put downs
- Respect each other
- No personal questions
- It's okay to pass
- Questions are welcome
- Use correct terms for body parts and activities
- Use inclusive language
- Listen when others are speaking
- Classroom discussions are confidential
- Speak for yourself
- Respect personal boundaries
- It's okay to have fun

#### **GIRL'S BEST** FRIEND

By Lisa Jenn Bigelow

22 pages

A young witch turns herself into a puppy to win over a new neighbour.

## 6 short stories

#### **GUESS WHAT'S COMING FOR** DINER

By Mark Oshiro

23 pages

Two special families meet for diner thanks to their daughter's love.

#### **PAPER PLANES**

By Claribel A. Ortega

20 pages

A tween girl meets a new flamboyant friend who helps her being more confident.

#### **DEVOYN'S POD**

By Mariama J. Lockingtom

25 pages

A tween girl redefines herself after her two best friends fell in love with each other.

#### THE WISH AND THE WIND DRAGON

By Katherine Locke

22 pages

A non binary kid, who happens to be a pirate, makes a wish that comes true - but not how they thought it would.

#### **SPLINTER AND** ASH

By Marieke Nijkamp

21 pages

A non binary kid meets an unconventional princess who helps them assessing themselves.