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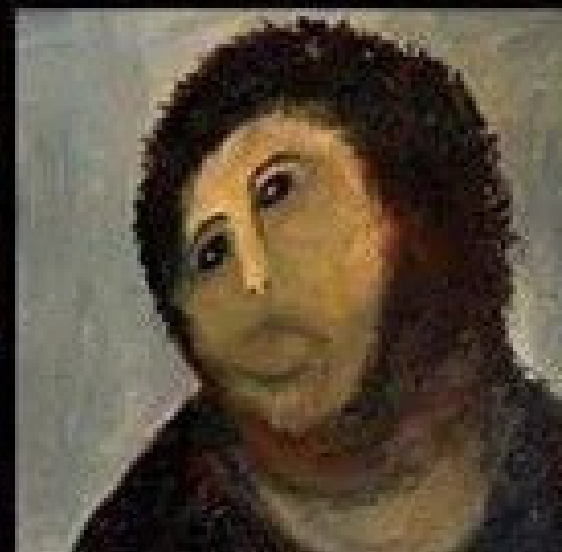
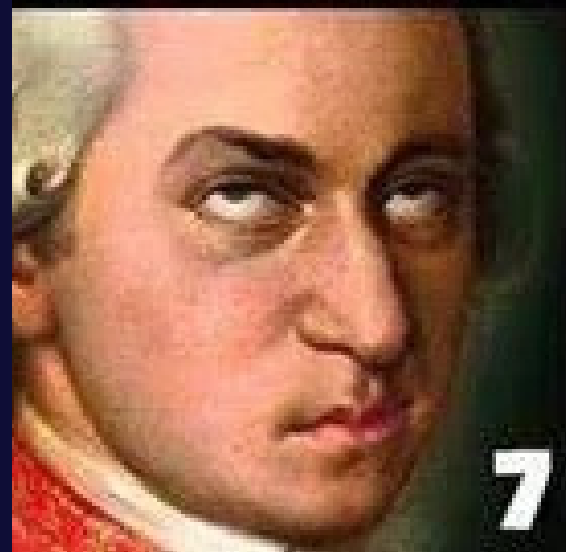
LITERACY LIGHTS THE WAY

Story, Identity, and Belonging

Guiding Students to Understand Themselves and Their World Through Story

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What is Literacy?

Making Meaning, Finding Voice, Building Belonging

Literacy is more than reading and writing.

It's how we describe ourselves, interpret the world, and find our voice within it.



Storytelling, Creativity, and Problem-Solving in Literacy

Storytelling → Creativity → Problem-Solving → Literacy

“When students tell stories, they practice literacy in action: thinking, creating, and solving problems.”





FIGHT

FREEZE

FLIGHT

Story as Regulation

Story helps students:

- Organize thoughts
- Process emotions
- Feel seen and understood

Story is regulation.

When students feel regulated, they're available for learning.



Narrative Approaches



What's your story?

- Helping students name experiences
- Reflect strengths
- Imagine new possibilities

Help them locate themselves in a story that says:

"You matter here."

Fairy Tale Model

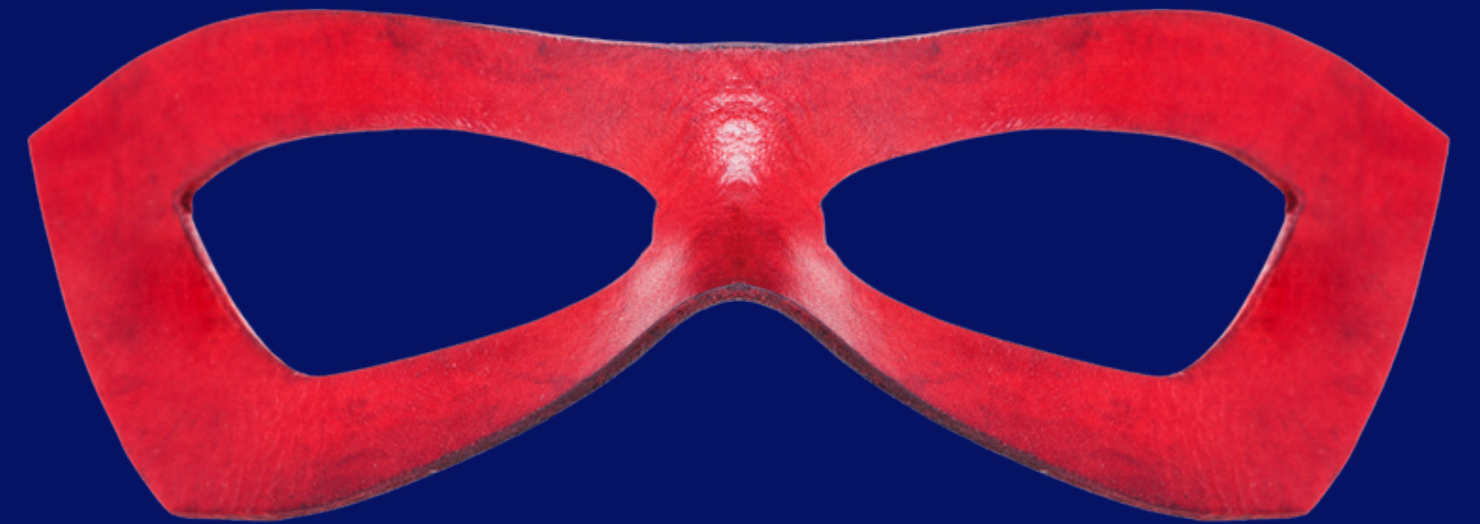
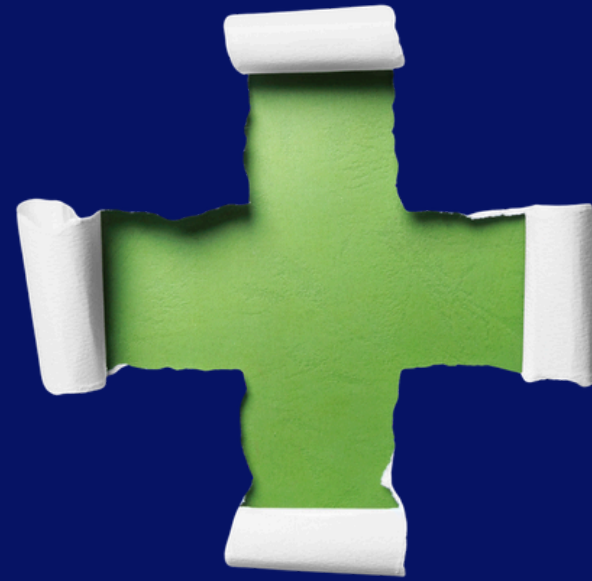
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Help students see themselves as:

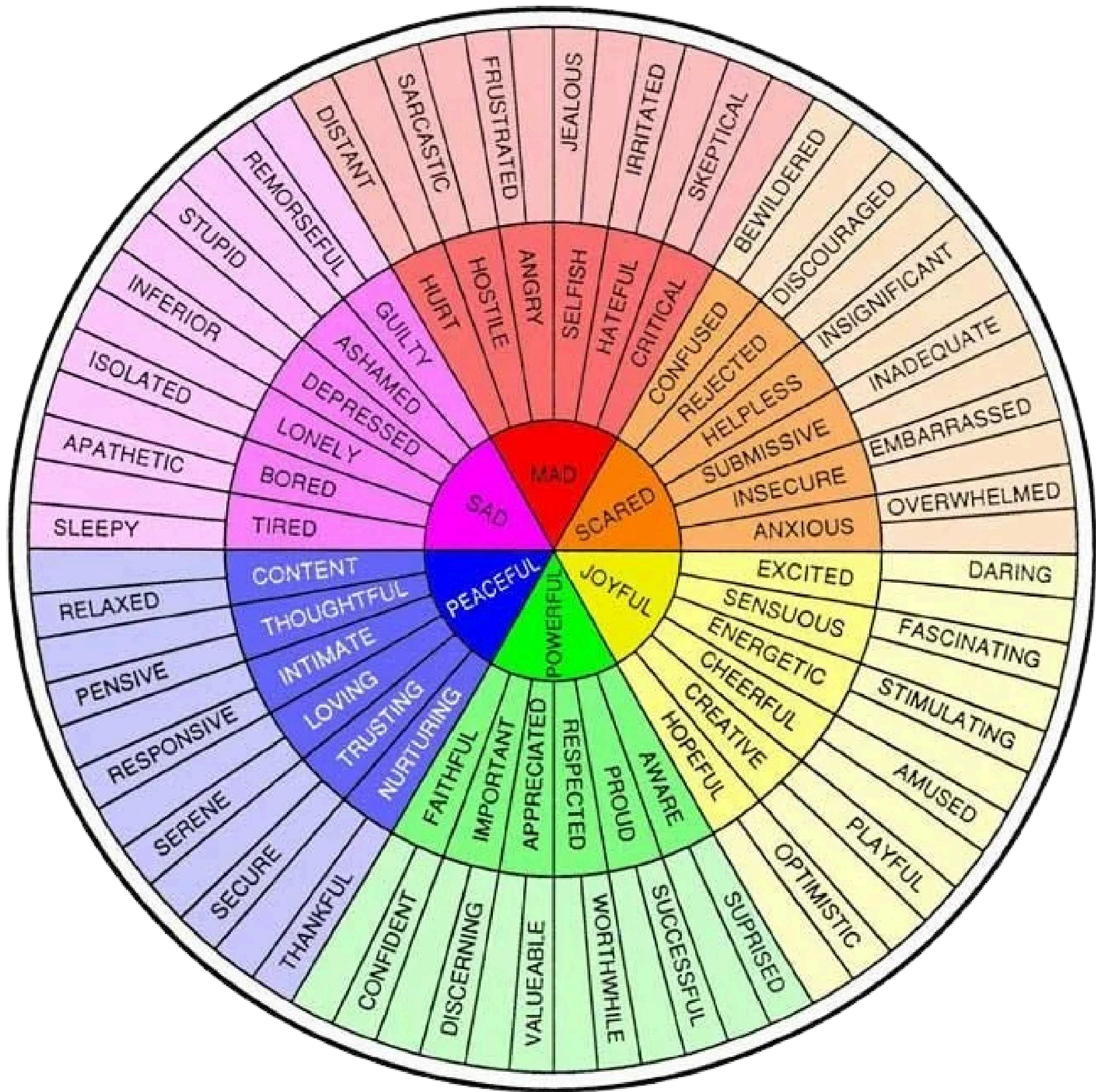
- Not the problem
- The main character

Something is wrong with me' → 'I am growing through something.

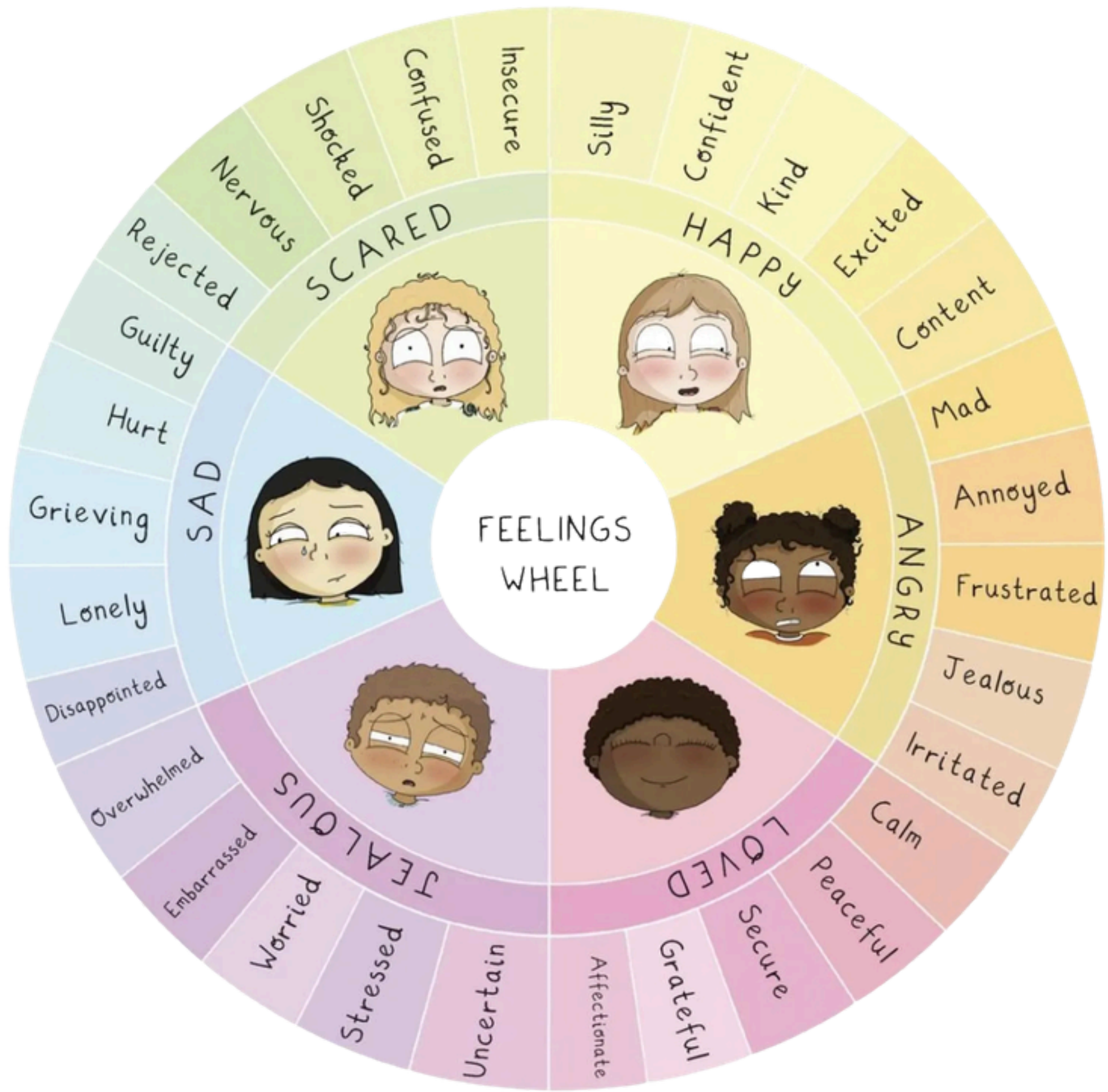




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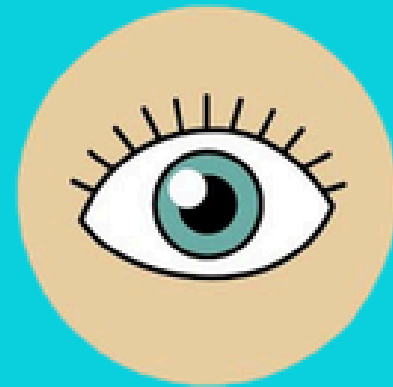


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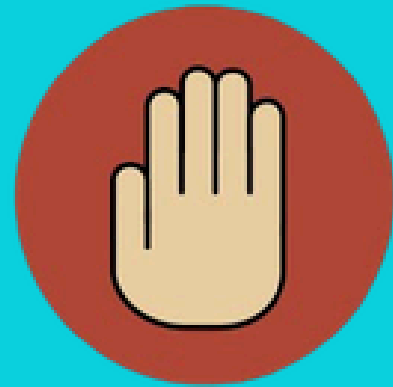


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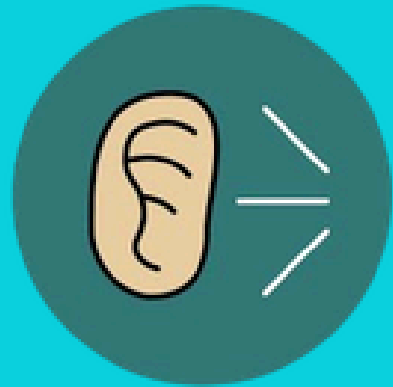
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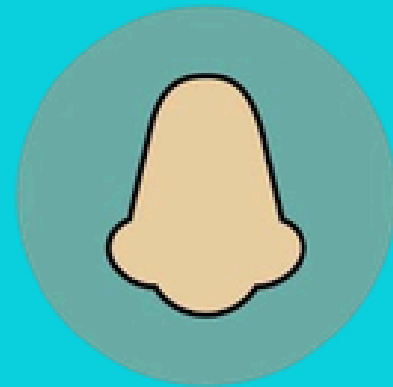
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REFLECTION

“How will I help every student
see themselves, find their voice,
and know they belong?”

You are a Lighthouse

- Create safety
- Offer language
- Reflect strengths
- Hold space
- Help them tell their story

They begin to author a life they believe they belong in

THANK YOU

So Much!

Questions & Feedback



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