

## Berhane's Story



### Grade Level

Middle School/  
High School



### SEL Competency

Relationship Skills,  
Self-Awareness



### DU Theme

CRE, Immigrant  
Experience

## INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION

Berhane says, “**at school I felt like no one really cared about where I came from, I wanted my teachers to say ‘you came from Ethiopia, what different perspective do you have?’**”. Why do you think Berhane expected this to be the case? Do you think your school would be welcoming to a student like Berhane? Why or why not?

Berhane clearly does well in school. What do you think are some things that motivate him? Do you think his academic success interfered with him making friends? Why or why not?

## FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

Berhane talks about a “cultural richness” when he mentions Ethiopia, what do you think he means by this? Explain. Research the concept of culture. What definition do you find that you think is helpful (remember to cite your source)? Why do you think this is a good definition? Reflect on a culture you are familiar with. Describe this culture or cultural group. Explain how this culture or cultural group also has a “cultural richness”. How is the cultural richness you describe similar to the cultural richness Berhane discusses?