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FRC 14-I: Essay Abstract

“I am Me”

Through-out the semester, we have touched on the topic of identity; debating whether or not it is directly related to someone’s environment or something that is innately a part of who someone is. In this paper, I want to explore and discuss what identity is and what decides a person’s identity.

Sources:

- The Rabbit-Proof Fence: I wanted to use this movie because of the many examples it gives on the topic of identity. It includes clear examples on the disagreement between the people of Australia as to how they view themselves. I could use the “Half-castes” to show the difficulty of trying to oneself in the midst of society’s labels for them.
- The Other Wes Moore: I thought that this book would be good to show how ones environment can have an impact on the way an individual views and identifies themselves. The way how each Wes Moore grew up in similar home situations, but how their lives took radically different paths.
- The Power and the Glory: For this source, I am not entirely sure how I am going to incorporate this into my paper. I believe I can connect the priest’s struggle with who he is with the crisis of identity. His struggle to hold on to the identity of a good priest could be a justifiable source to use for my topic

I wanted to do my paper over this topic because I believe that identity is a complex and important aspect of a person that is not just result of one factor, but a multitude of possibilities that eventually result in the identity that a person believes in and lives out.