1st 9 Weeks: BIG IDEA - Students watch the documentary on "The Inside Out Project". Class discusses photography as a means of communicating ideas. Using a classroom camera (or teacher's digital camera) the teacher assists the students in creating a collage of photographic self-portraits of each child that speak to the background of that child. After discussing Origins and Cultural Identity, the student will explore their own cultural identity and bring in props to express the values or traditions of that culture. When the pictures have been taken the teacher will save them on a disc or external hard drive and take them to be printed. (Some places offer discounts to teachers) The class would hang the end/collage product up in the school. As the students work through the project focus them on building the ideas of self-discovery and exploring concepts of tolerance and teamwork.