

Guiding Young People Not to Colleges or Careers — But to Good Lives

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Who are you?

If you saw this question on a government form, you'd likely respond in a practical fashion, checking boxes about how the world perceives you. Where were you born? What's your family's income? What's your race? Did your parents—even your grandparents—graduate from college?

They're answers that, when it comes to education and work and success, aren't supposed to matter—but seem to anyway.

Who are you?

If you saw this question at the top of a page in your diary, though, you might take a different approach, scribbling details about how you perceive yourself. What do you love to do? What scares you? Who matters most to you?

They're answers that, when it comes to education and work and success, don't always seem to matter—but maybe should.

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