826 Boston's Youth Literary Advisory Board wants to publish your stories about self-identity and staying empowered during a pandemic.

Submit your poems, narratives, essays, and original artwork about self-identity and be featured in an 826 Boston publication.

Submit online: bit.ly/ylab_publication


Include name, age, email, title of your piece, and school. Selected authors will be notified by June 12.

826 Boston is a nonprofit youth writing and publishing organization that empowers traditionally underserved students ages 6-18 to find their voices, tell their stories, and gain communication skills to succeed in school and in life.

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We welcome writers and artists to respond to one of the following prompts:

Who are you?

How has your identity transformed or evolved since the COVID-19 pandemic?

How has your family, culture, or ethnicity influenced your identity?

Have you experienced discrimination because of your race, sexual orientation, identity, or immigration status? Write about your experience.

Our names are fundamental piece of our identities. What does your name mean? How has it shaped who you are?

Is there a major event or person that has influenced you? If so, how have they contributed to your identity?

How has social media affected your perception of yourself?

Many of us spend a lot of time on our phones and technology throughout the day, but how has your attitude shifted now that we are forced to live our lives on digital platforms now?

What has the pandemic or social distancing allowed you to discover about yourself?

Don't see a prompt that resonates with you? Write about anything you would like related to self-identity.