

Talk About It: Hyphenated American

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OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

- To explore the concept of diversity and inclusiveness through critical reading of race theories and writing about student's own personal histories.
- To create the sense of community and building the actual discussion community who can discuss the personal and political issues in a safe and comfortable environment.
- To enhance an ability for the public speech
- To invite students and local communities to the event to create a sense of community.

PROCESS

- Recruiting students who would like to voluntarily participate in this event.
- Having bi-weekly discussion meeting after reading the assignment and thinking over the discussion questions provided in advance.
- Writing personal stories in an analytical language/term to rethink hyphenated American.
- Preparing for the public speech based on the papers each student wrote throughout the semester.
- Sharing comments and feedback on the writing and analysis.

The Actual Event

- Invited students, faculty members, and local community across and beyond campus.
- Prepared for some refreshment with the One World Initiative grant.
- Each student gave speech based on their paper for 15min in Union.
- The reading, writing, and public speech were aligned through the critical terms, which generated great discussion with deep impressions.