**Conversation Activity**

Question: If you could choose anyone, with what person would you like to have a conversation?

1. Each student answers the question above on a 3” by 5” index card (repeating your answer for as many groups as there are). Cut or tear your card so that each group can get your response.

2. You will be working in small groups on a data investigation. Share your answer with each of the other groups, and collect answers from the other students. Each group, then, should have all of the question response data from the entire class.

3. Before looking at the data, spend some time discussing what might be interesting about them.

4. As a group, sort the data in two different ways, each containing at least three categories.

5. Choose one of these two sorting ideas, and arrange your index cards on a large sheet of paper to show your classification scheme.

6. Write a sentence or two on your display that summarizes what you notice about the data/classifications.

7. Post your display on the wall. Compare and contrast with other groups. Discuss issues about data/classifications that arose for you during this activity.

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