



ACTIVITY

QUIRKS •

"This weird quirk I've tried to suppress or hide is a talent that could help me meet the wizard..." – Elphaba

Until Madame Morrible praises Elphaba for her use of magic, Elphaba had thought of her talents as simply a "quirk". One of the things that had set Elphaba apart was actually an asset.

Give each of your students an outline of a mirror.

Have your students draw a picture of themselves in the centre of the mirror.

Then, put your students into pairs and have them swap their pictures. Around the borders of the mirror, have them add positive things about their partner that set them apart from others or even other aspects that may be considered talents. Then, have the students swap their pictures back and discuss what they had written. Ask your students if there were talents their classmate saw in them that they hadn't considered to be talents. Use these images to facilitate a discussion with your students about valuing their individuality.

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