

Of Thee I Sing

Barack Obama & Loren Long

Just For Fun Rating (0-5): Age Range: 3 or 4+ years

Diversity Themes: Race/Ethnicity; Gender; Regional Differences; Socioeconomic Status; Ability/Disability; Religion/Spirituality

Potential Questions/Comments/Activities/Games:

1. Had you heard about all of these people in the book? From where?
2. Why do you think each person was included? Why are they important to the formation of America? Who is missing? Why?
 - a. Create a game connecting each person to an American value.
3. Who are your favorite 3 people from this book? Why? How are they the same? How are they different?
4. Who do you think I (the adult) likes the best? *Adult Reflection Question!*
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Continuing the Conversation

Why do you think that Barack Obama wrote this book? Why was it important for him to include the people that he did? Do you think there is anything in this book that is politically motivated? Why or why not? Who do we hear most about in history? Were you surprised at some of the people included? Would you have included everyone Mr. Obama listed? Do you think all of them were equally important or were some more important than others? In what way? Not everyone in this story was born in America - why do you think Mr. Obama included them?

