\What is Love?

Love is a powerful, complex emotional experience that involves changes in your body chemistry, including your neurotransmitters (brain chemicals). It impacts your social relationships in varied ways, affecting how you relate to others around you. Love is an emotion of strong affection, tenderness, or devotion toward a subject or object. When you love a person, you experience pleasurable sensations in their presence and are sensitive about their reactions to you. Feelings of love help us form social bonds with others. As social creatures, these natural chemicals developed to help us survive (Lovering 2024).

We have been studying romantic love, one of the themes in the book Pride by Ibi Zoboi. For this three-part project, students are responsible for interviewing their parents or guardians for part 1. For part 2, they are responsible for interviewing four sets of couples to capture their love stories and perspectives on love. **ALL AUDIO INTERVIEWS ARE DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026, IN CLASS.**

Part 1 (Parent/Guardian FIRST CRUSH interview)

Students must **audio record (no video)** the interview with their parents or guardians and capture the story of their **first crush**. The interview questions are below:

1. Who was your first crush, and what were they like?
2. Where did you first see your crush?
3. What made you notice them?
4. How did you feel when you liked them?
5. Did you ever tell them you were crushing on them?
6. Was the crush mutual?
7. What's your favorite memory of your crush?
8. How did that experience shape your view on relationships?
9. Do you still remember them?
10. What's the biggest lesson you learned from your first crush experience?

Part 2 (Couples Interviews)

Students must **audio record (no video)** the interviews of 4 types of couples.

- Newbies together for 0-5 years
- Mature together for 6-10 years
- Seasoned together for 11-20 years
- OG’s together for 25 years and up

The interview questions are below:

1. How long have you been together?
2. How old are each of you?
3. Tell the story of how you first met.
4. What was your first impression of each other?

5. What do you love about each other?
6. How have each of your previous life experiences prepared you for your current relationship?
7. How has your love relationship made each of you change for the better?
8. What advice would each of you give to a couple to maintain a loving relationship?

Part 3 (Animated Avatar Videos) Due January 12, 2026, at 8:00 am
You are now going to take your interviews and create animated videos using Adobe Express or any other software. You will find Adobe Express on Infinite Campus in the message center. Here is an Adobe Express tutorial that shows you how to animate characters: Video
Your avatars must be humans. As the Adobe Express video states, the avatar's recordings are 2 minutes long. **Use CapCut to isolate the questions and responses for your interviews. REMEMBER the avatar will only do 2 minutes of video. This means that you must do separate avatar recordings to capture all of the interview for each person whose response is more than 2 minutes**

- **You must have a different avatar for each person, even yourself, if you are on the slide**
- **All avatar couples should be on the same slide**
    - **Use this video to see how to have multiple characters on the same slide**
        - **Ignore the A.I. part of the video**
    - **If you are still unable to have all avatars on the same slide, then you must do separate slides for each one**
- **If your audio is of poor quality**
    - **Record your voice saying their responses**
    - **Interview them again**

Part 4 (Reflection) Due January 12, 2026, at 8:00 am
Your reflection must be a 2-page, double-spaced, 12-point, Times New Roman typed response to the following questions:

- How can love inspire personal growth, self-improvement, and a deeper understanding of oneself?
- How does our sense of self, including our values, beliefs, and goals, influence the way we form and maintain relationships?

Your response to the 2 reflection questions must demonstrate what you have learned from your interviews. Your response must include textual evidence (quotes) from your interviews to support your thoughts.