My Lens for Seeing the World

Name: _________________________  Date: ______________________

Perspective or point of view can be thought of as a lens for seeing the world. A lens can come in different shapes, sizes, and colors. It can magnify to help us see very fine details or zoom out to help us see a larger picture. A lens can be pointed in different directions to change our perspective on the world. We each bring our own personal background to our perspective. The purpose of the following questions is to explore parts of your personal background that influence your perspective or “lens for seeing the world.” Answer the questions, then write a paragraph summarizing your answers. Use the title, “My Lens for Seeing the World.”

Where did your name come from?

Are you a boy or a girl?

Where did you grow up?

Where do you live now?

Who do you live with?

What languages do you speak?

What is your nationality or ethnic background?

What is your favorite (and least favorite):
- music?
- food?
- subject at school?

What would you like to do when you grow up?

Your answers to these questions reflect parts of your personal background. How do you think your personal background might affect your perspective?