

# YOUR UNIQUE CULTURAL LENS

## QUESTIONS AND A HINT TO FACILITATE YOUR EXPLORATION OF LAYER 10 — SOCIAL CLASS:

- Describe your socioeconomic/financial status history from birth to today.
- Reflect specifically on any status shifts you may have experienced. What produced the shifts? What meaning did you make of them?
- What's your current socio-economic status?
- What would be your ideal socio-economic status? How likely are you to achieve it?
- What are the advantages of your current status?
- What are its disadvantages?
- What cultural influences do you think your socioeconomic status has had on you?
- How is your socio-economic status seen in society, and how does that impact you?
- What is the first memory you have of someone you thought was significantly richer than you? Why did you think so, and what did you make of it?
- What is the first memory you have of someone you thought was significantly poorer than you? Why did you think so, and what did you make of it?
- What was your family's source of income when you were growing up? What was your family's attitude about money?
- Describe the home(s) and neighborhood(s) of your youth.
- How does your educational level compare with those of your family members?
- What has been hard, and easy, for you regarding your class and background?
- What have you gained from and what do you appreciate about your class and background?
- What lessons are these socio-economic reflections evoking about who you are?

**HINT:** Recount and reflect on the different socio-economic statuses you have experienced from birth to the present day. Include the types of lifestyles - and perceptions about money and power - your financial situations have enabled you to afford throughout your life. Pay particular attention to the impact of financial transitions in your life.

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