



Connections and Disconnections

Use of the word “explorer” in Explorer Mindset refers to the attitudes and skills of National Geographic Society explorers as described in the Learning Framework from National Geographic. It is important to note, however, that the word “explorer” may also connect us to historical (or current) colonizing and capitalizing behavior of individuals seeking resources or personal gain. It is important to analyze the power, position and perspective in the content that is presented to us. Please reflect on the following questions:

- **Do you connect or disconnect from the word “Explorer” or “Explorer Mindset? What connections or disconnections do you feel?**
- **How has the word “explorer” been used in your life or learning path? Has this been positive or negative?**
- **How have we used the word “explorer” in history? What are the different perspectives surrounding that word?**
- **Thinking of a mindset that empowers you to be the catalyst of your own learning and seeking, is there a different word or words than “Explorer Mindset” that you connect with? What word speaks to you?**

