It’s In the Bag

- Sit in small groups of three to five, facing each other.
- Take five items that are not school related out of your backpack. (For the purposes of this activity, you cannot use a phone as one of your items.)
- Place the items on your desk, visible to your group members.
- Without speaking to each other, write about “the things they carry.” You should write for at least 15 minutes about your own objects and the items displayed by your group members. What do these objects reveal about you? About your classmates? What are you left wondering about the owners of these objects? What does a review of all the group members’ objects reveal about what you all have in common? What are your differences?
- Share your writings with your group members.
- One member from each group will share his or her piece of writing with the class as a whole.

Complete the above activity, writing down the answers to the questions presented in the fourth bullet above.

You do not have to do the sixth bullet (share writing with the class).