



Unit 1 — Globalisation and the Self

Track E · Klasse 13 · Niveau E (Basisfach / Leistungsfach) · Abitur year

Learning objectives

- *I can read essays on identity-under-globalisation (Sen, Appiah, Lahiri) and identify each writer's framework.*
- *I can use the vocabulary of cosmopolitanism (rooted cosmopolitanism, hospitality, situated identity, contributory belonging).*
- *I can write a 400-word essay developing my own position on identity-and-globalisation.*

Lead-in

Klasse 13 opens with three short essay extracts: Amartya Sen on plural identity (*Identity and Violence*, 2006); Kwame Anthony Appiah on rooted cosmopolitanism (*Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers*, 2006); Jhumpa Lahiri on writing in a second language (*In Other Words*, 2015 / 2016 EN). The class agreed that all three are arguing against the same cartoon — the cartoon of identity as a single sticker.

Vocabulary

- plural identity
- rooted cosmopolitanism
- hospitality
- the moral horizon
- situated identity
- contributory belonging
- essentialism
- identitarian
- the politics of recognition

Key points

- *Sen — plural identity*: No human being is reducible to a single belonging. The illusion of singular identity is the precondition of identitarian violence.
- *Appiah — rooted cosmopolitanism*: We can be loyal to a particular place AND committed to a general moral horizon at the same time. Both loyalties are real.
- *Lahiri — language and self*: To write in a second language is to undertake a small, voluntary self-displacement that produces a third version of yourself.

Practise

- Match: Sen → plural identity; Appiah → rooted cosmopolitanism; Lahiri → language-as-self.
- T or F: rooted cosmopolitanism rejects local loyalty; plural identity is the same as multiple passports.
- Build 4 sentences applying cosmopolitan vocabulary to one of the three frames.

Your turn

Position essay, 400 words. Argue your own position on identity-and-globalisation. Use 5 cosmopolitan vocabulary terms + 6 academic discourse markers + 1 cleft + 1 integrated quote from one of the three writers.

Reflect

- I can identify each writer's framework on identity-and-globalisation.
- I can use 5+ cosmopolitan vocabulary terms.
- I can write a 400-word position essay.