**What is Beauty?**

**But what is beauty? What makes something beautiful?**

**What makes something the opposite of beautiful, ugly? What is the relationship between the two? Is Wilde right, that one thing can be both full of beauty and full of ugly?**

* *Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it.*

Kongfuzi

* *Beauty is no quality in things themselves, it exists merely in the mind which contemplates them; and each mind perceives a different beauty. (in the eye of the beholder)*

David Hume, (1711-1776)

* *Beauty is truth, truth beauty,-that is all  
  Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.*

John Keats (1795-1821)

* **Can beauty tell us anything? Is Keats right, that there is some truth in beauty? Can we learn from beauty?**

The quality of beauty is often defined as that which is pleasing, either to the senses or to the mind.

**List some examples of things you think are beautiful:**

**Now list some reasons of why you feel that these items are beautiful?**

Types of beauty:

* Human made
* Nature
* Inner beauty

**Perspectives on Beauty**

**The Ancient Greeks**

* + Plato (Theory of Forms)

**David Hume: A Question of Taste**

* + Middle ages
  + Renaissance
  + 18th Century
* Hume:
* Immanuel Kant: The 'Aesthetic Judgement' (handout)
  + The Rational and human reasoning
  + When we come to a decision that something is beautiful, Kant identified four moments in the process by which we come to this aesthetic judgement:
    - **Disinterestedness**
    - **Universality**
    - **Necessity**
    - **Purpose**

**Human Beauty**

* Outer qualities
* Inner qualities
* Beauty based on criteria
* Standards of beauty

**Taboo Series: Identity**

* **As you watch the episode, make notes on the different perspectives of identity in relation to beauty and ones culture**