

Project 1: Cultural Exploration

Culture: "An invisible web of behaviors, patterns, rules, and rituals of a group of people who have contact with one another and share common languages."
(Fieldworking 3)

Your first project is a culture exploration paper where you will start to explore the culture for your final project. You want to write a 4-6 page paper where you examine your fixed, subjective, and textual positions. You will need to do some careful thinking about what you know and what you think you know about yourself and your culture site. One of the first things you want to do is figure out what your fixed, subjective and textual positions are, then consider the following questions (do not just answer these questions):

- How do your 'fixed' positions (such as age, race, and gender) influence your fieldwork?
- What is your background? What are your biases?
- Who are you as a reader? A thinker? An observer? A researcher?
- What are your reasons for choosing this site?
- What do you already know about your site?
- Which insiders do you know?
- In what ways are you already an insider or an outsider?
- What myths or stereotypes are associated with your site?
- What assumptions and preconceptions do you have about your site?

Requirements:

MLA format (double spaced, titled, 12pt Times New Roman, 1" margins)

4-6 pages