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Project Worldview: Using the IB core to cultivate young researchers

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Session Goals

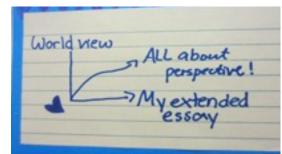
- This session is an overview of an ongoing collaborative teaching project created and facilitated by an IB Coordinator/TOK teacher and a University Professor with three cohorts of IB students.
- To meet the challenge of sustaining continuity in the Core for Year 1 DP students situated in a semester system in a September to June school year, we created a unit entitled 'Project Worldview' which begins in November of year 1 and continues into the fall of year 2.
- The central focus of the presentation will be on our use of this model in the past two years as a way to connect the core and inspire young researchers, with suggestions as to how you can implement this in your context.





Guiding questions for this work and for today

- What is the purpose of the IB Core?
 - How can we create meaning, purpose and concurrency of learning with the Core?
- How does a person's worldview impact how they construct knowledge?
- What does it mean to be a researcher?
- How do we answer these questions and make it FUN along the way?







My context...

- C.P. Allen High School, Bedford, Nova Scotia
 - Suburban high school (September to June academic year)
 - 1300 students, diverse population
 - O IBDP established in 2008
 - 68 students in the first cohort involved in this project (2012-2013), 65 in the second cohort (2013-2014), 53 in the third cohort (2014 2015)
 - "Semestered" system (September to January and February to June)
 - 4 blocks per day
 - Curriculum and contextual constraints challenging connections to the core





Quick Discussion

What is the purpose of the IB Core?

• How can we create meaning, purpose and concurrency of learning with the Core?





Project Worldview asks students to inquire deeply into their understanding of worldview within the Core Framework of TOK/EE and CAS. It then challenges them to begin to think of themselves as researchers in these capacities.

Project: Worldview Connecting the Core Connecting TOK, EE and CAS to challenge, cultivate and create Internationally Minded, 21st Century Citizens. Project: Worldview is an 8 session exploration of personal values. beliefs, culture, self, identity and knowing as they meet the requirements of the IB Core. The intention is to give students and teachers a framework and space to connect ideas, to reflect deeply, and to better understand the concept of worldview as an influential force shaping self knowledge and awareness of others in a digital What is your worldview? How does this inform you as a citizen? What is your responsibility as a global citizen in a digital world? How do you know? Exploring the source of your ideas Place Family Relationships Language Who are you? Cultural Foundations

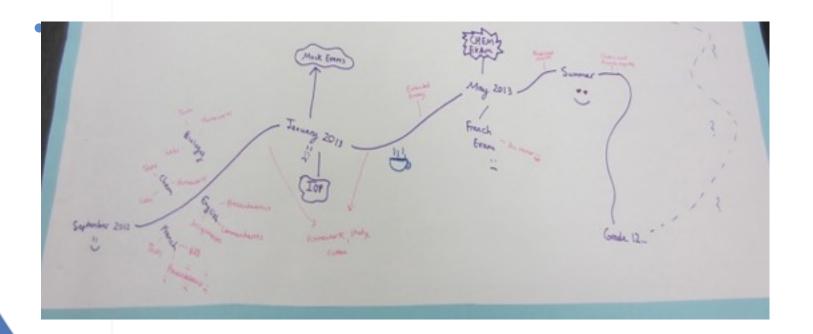
Foundational Theory - epistemology, ontology and theories of knowledge

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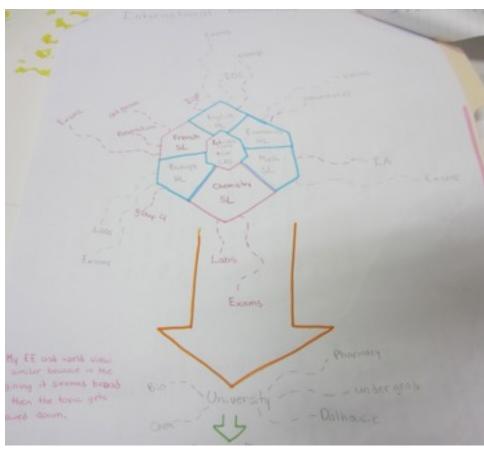


Map your IB World

Draw your IB map...





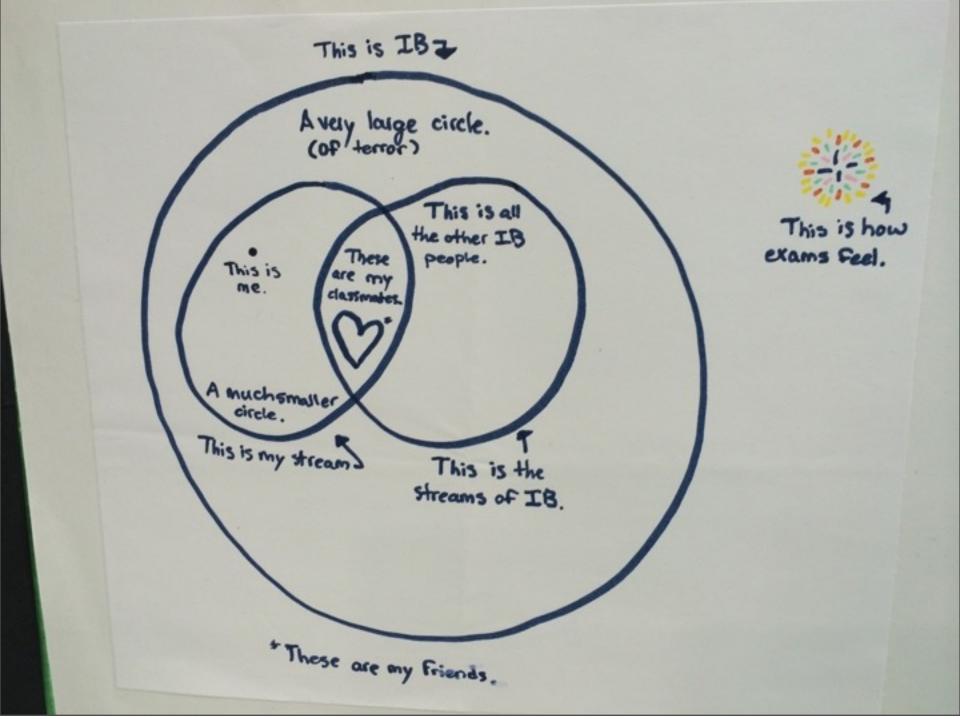




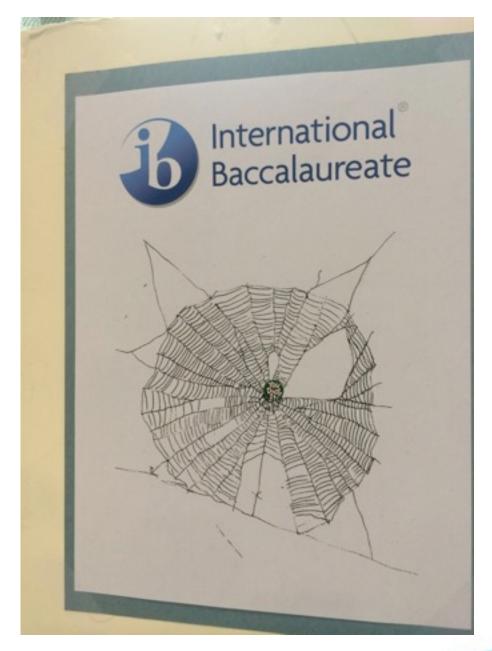
















Big Question:

How do your life experiences inform your worldview?

How does your worldview inform how you construct knowledge?





Quick Draw Two

Draw a Researcher.





Thinking about Research and Researchers

Share your drawings.

What does it mean to be a researcher?
Why should we teach students to be researchers?
How does/might the IB Core cultivate researchers?





Big Questions

- What is the connection between worldview and research?
- How do we inspire students to think of themselves as researchers?
 - Connections between self, interests, research and action in the community

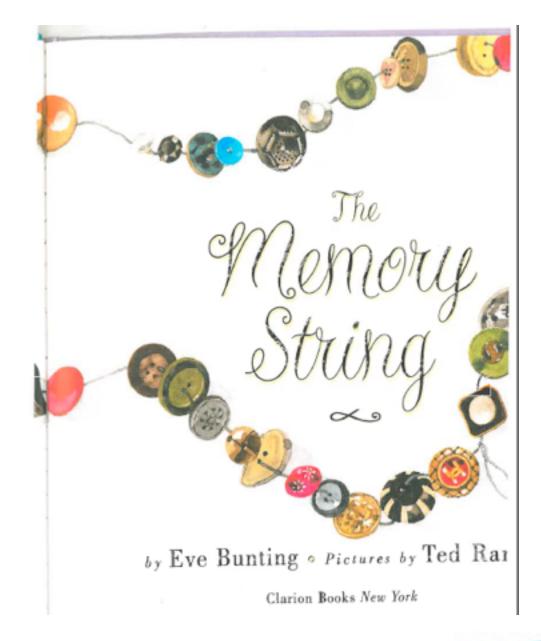




Using Memory as an Entry Point...









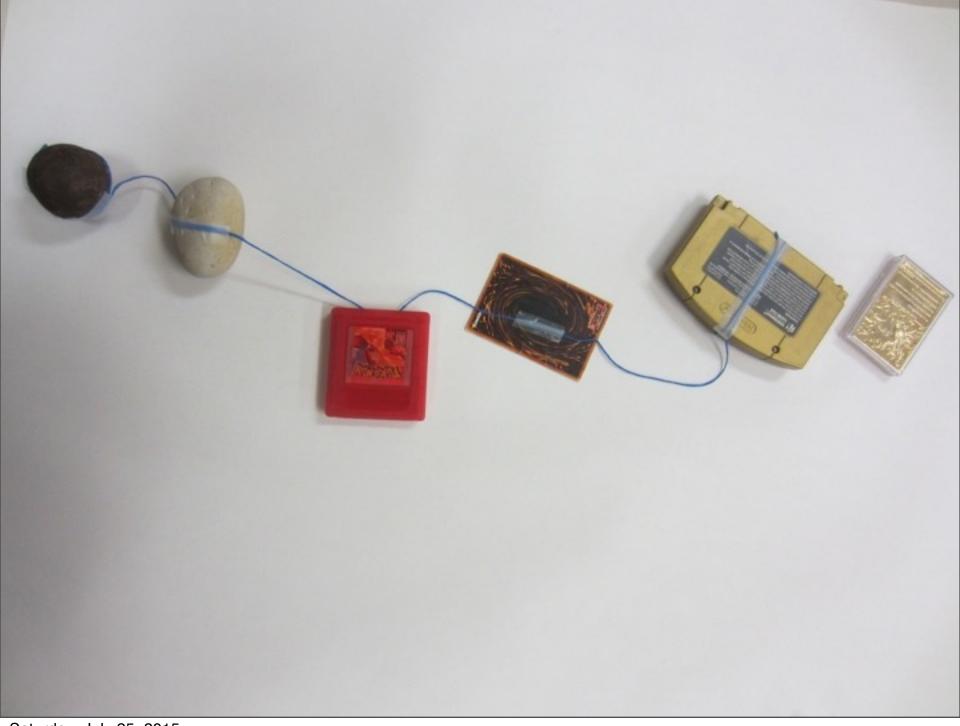


Using the materials provided and/or materials you may have with you, construct a memory string.

Be ready to share....





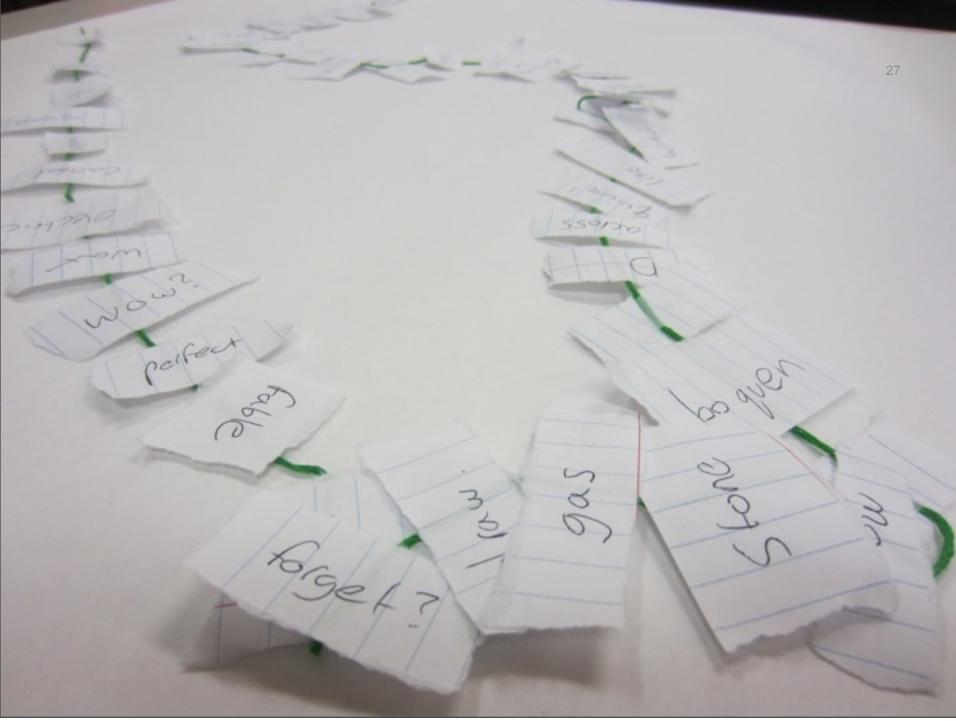








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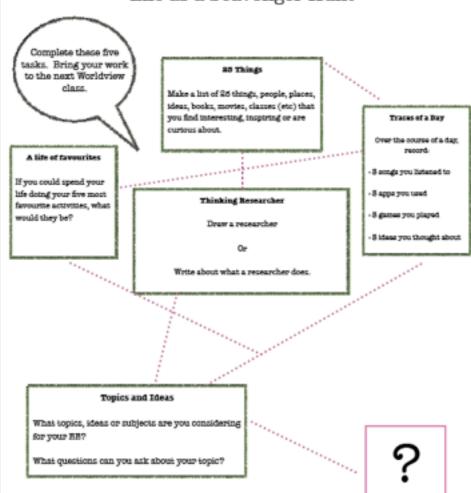
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- Emotion
- Reason
- Sense Perception
- Memory
- Faith
- Intuition
- Imagination

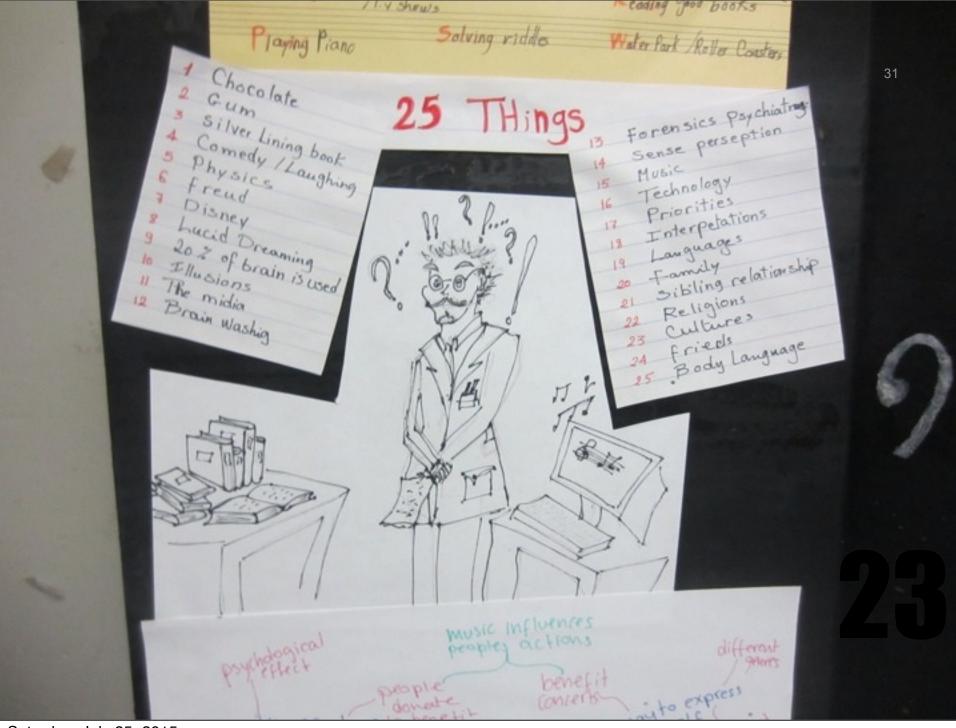
- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

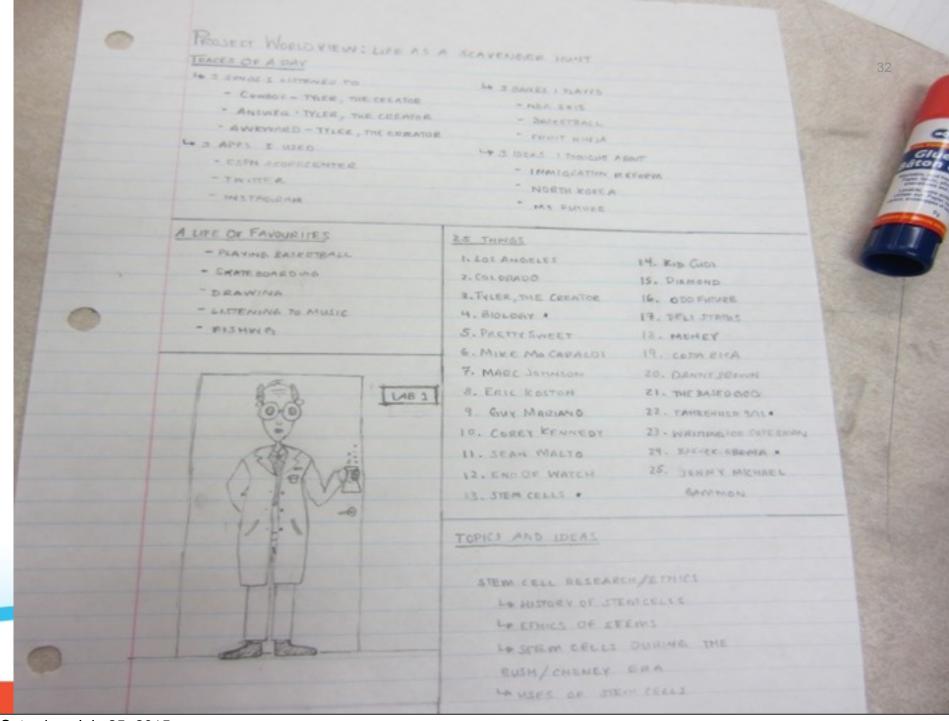


Project Worldview

Life as a Scavenger Hunt









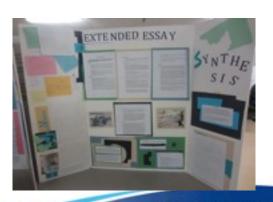
Session 5: Exploring Possible Beginnings: Thinking like a Researcher and the Extended Essay

Session 6 + 7: Exploring Possible Beginnings: Clarifying the Focus of my Extended Essay and developing a literature review

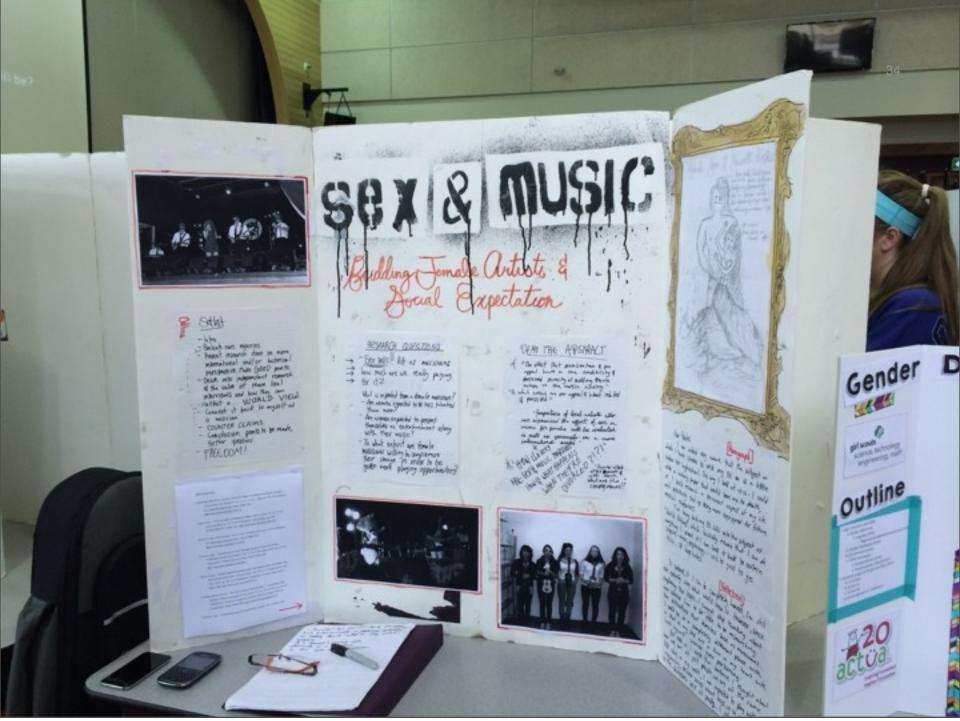
Session 8 + 9 : Mapping out the Focus of my Extended Essay



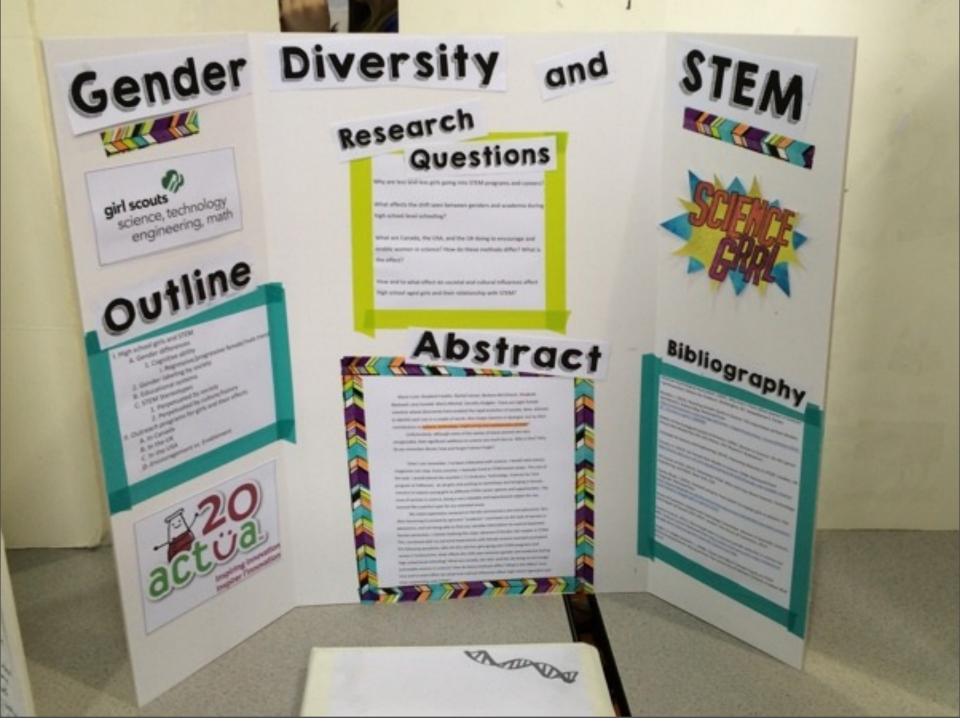








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Applying this at your school....

Thinking about your own school setting, what are the constraints challenging your attempts to connect the core?

How might the you create a program that makes the core fun?



Responses to Project Worldview

"That was a smashing success" - IB Parent

"Over the past months Worldview has helped me tremendously with thinking about how I develop my thoughts and how I perceive knowledge....Worldview, for me personally helped me see that I construct my thoughts and thus my knowledge in way that makes use of an interpretivist/constructivst point of view as well as a pragmatic point of view. I believe that when you research something you have to look at the topic at multiple points of views to fully develop a reasonable theory or answer to the question..." – **Student**

"Other people may have a completely different understanding of something than I do for their own reasons. Neither theory has to be wrong or right because multiple realities can exist" - **Student**