

SOC205 Week 5 Opening Question

Purpose

The purpose of our weekly Opening Question is to help you focus on what you already know about this topic or what you already may have experienced. You will also add information to Google Earth as a way to get more familiar with the culture, perspectives, and experiences of locations around the world.

Tasks

1. All students respond to the Opening Question prompts, worth 10 points.
2. Respond to the following questions:
 1. When you think of the word "union" what comes to mind?
 2. Have you ever been a member of a union? What benefits did you see? What problems did you have?
 3. The gig economy in the United States is growing. What does this mean for you?
 4. Contribute to our Google Earth Site addressing the following prompt:
 - i. This week, we find ourselves in these places : Michigan, Bhutan, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. For one of these places our anthems are:
(1) Tell me about the land. You could tell about the land by describing where the country is in relation to other countries. You could describe how much land there is. You could describe some of the interesting geological features of this land. We want to know what we might experience if we were to live on this particular land. You might also want to tell about the plants and animals that live in this place. (2) Tell me about the people. To answer this, you could talk about how many people live here. You could describe how the people are the same or different from each other, based on social location — or how they are the same or different from people where you live. You could talk about unique things about specific groups of people that live on this land. What would it be like to hang out with the people here? (3) Tell me about the relationships of power. Social change often, though not always, comes about because of relationships of inequality or differences in power. So, you could talk about what kind of government exists here. How do people make their money? Is there a lot of inequality between people? How much power does this country have in the politics of the world? What would it be like to live here?
3. Submit your response to the questions in your Week 5 Opening Question assignment as a text entry via Canvas. Submit your response to the Google Earth questions on our class site (see the Google Earth Resources below for instructions on how to submit).

Google Earth Resources

- There are different versions of Google Earth depending on your device. [Go to this page](#) to make sure you have the correct version. If you don't have it already, please download the correct version.
- Link to our [Google Earth project](#).
- Click on a link to a place on the left menu.
- Click on the edit icon (pencil)
- Add a picture by clicking on the camera icon and selecting Google Image Search. If you add a picture, remember to put the description and your reason for adding it in the Wiki text box.
- Add Text to the text box. There are four headings in each box: Place, People, Power, and Picture.
- Write your name AFTER your text entry, or your picture description.
- This is a wiki-style document, so you may need to scroll down to find a heading.

Troubleshooting Notes

- Google Earth works best in a Chrome Browser.
- Google Earth may not work well on a Chromebook. You might try your phone as an alternate device.

Criteria for Success

Criteria	Points
Student completed 5 minute free write or video based on the week's opening questions.	5
Student made 3 updates to Google Earth Site for one of the countries we identified for the week.	5
Total	10