

# SOC 205 Week 6: Activities

## Opening Question (part 1)

For the unit opening question, you may choose to write on the topic for 5 minutes or submit a short video file with your thoughts.

The chapter defines health and safety in this way:

The degree to which we live healthy lives is directly related to how low the barriers are to access medical care for us and our loved ones, fresh and culturally relevant food, clean water, physical and mental stimulation, and connection to our surroundings and our communities. The degree to which we live safe lives is directly related to how stable our access is to reliable shelter, a secure home life, and care from community members and social services.

You may answer any of the following questions:

- How does your social location impact your health and safety?
- How is your story different from the stories of those around you?

## Where in the World?

This week, we find ourselves in these places - "Forest Grove, Oregon," "Jackson, Mississippi" "Toronto, Canada", and Australia. As you add more detail, please focus on the issues of health and safety in these locations.

In [Google Earth](#), please pick at least one of these places, and add some details to our shared wisdom about that place. ([Here are instructions for updating our Google Earth Site](#))

## Our anthems are

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.

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 than each other, based on social location -- or how they are the same or different than people from 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?

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?