

SOC 205 Week 4: 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.

Our opening questions for this week are:

The United States began as 13 colonies, founded by European countries. What were the consequences of this colonization to the indigenous people who already lived here? When we teach American history, we commonly say that Columbus discovered America. While Columbus did arrive in the islands now known as the Bahamas, this statement is flawed. How?

Where in the World?

This week, we find ourselves in Colombia, Ghana, Ukraine, Brazil, and the Indus Valley, Pakistan.

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 talk 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 from each other, based on social location -- or how they are the same or different from people from where you live. You could talk

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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?