

SOC 205 Week 2: Activities

Opening Question

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 question for this week is:

What makes a good life/Buen Vivir?

How might your social location impact your ability to live a good life?

Where in the World?

This week, we find ourselves in the Andes Mountains, Mongolia, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, and Scotland.

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 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

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people? How much power does this country have in the politics of the world? What would it be like to live here?