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AAS 201, MW 11
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Writing Assignment #1: Student Profile

- 1. Name you would like to go by. Provide pronunciation if needed:**
Mỹ-Chi Maséquesmay “Mee Chee Mah-say-kes-may”
- 2. Years at CSUN and Class Status:**
6th year, graduating senior
- 3. Major/Minor/Interests:**
Sociology and maybe an AAS minor. I like to draw, paint, and play the guitar. I also play ping-pong.
- 4. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires or motivates you to be/do your best? If yes, what is it? If no, compose one.**
“When you can, help others; when you cannot, refrain from hurting others.” Dalai Lama summarizing Buddhism
- 5. What is your ethnic identity? How does ethnicity affect your life?**
I am Chinese-Vietnamese and raised in a tradition-bound household....
- 6. What is “race” to you? That is, how do you define “race”? What is your racial identity, if you have one? How does your racial identity affect your life?**
I am Asian American....
- 7. What is “racism” to you? That is, how do you define “racism”? How does racism affect your life?**
- 8. After scanning the assigned reading on critical thinking, summarize what “critical thinking” is in your own words without looking back at the reading. Then, check your answer to the reading. What level is your critical thinking ability (novice, intermediate, advanced)? Please explain your answer or self-assessment.**
- 9. If “racial inequality” is the disparity in social, political, economic, legal, health, and environmental measurements (e.g., desirability, voting right, income, capital punishment sentencing rate, heart disease, exposure to pollution) among racial groups, what do you think are the causes of racial inequality? Pick one measurement and its cause(s).**
- 10. What do you hope to learn after taking this course?**
- 11. Anything else you want the Professor to know about you? (optional)**
I am hard of hearing and have tendonitis. I can’t type too long.