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Lesson 21. Literature Circle Meeting 4: Final Thoughts and Reflection

In addition to preparing the journal required for each literature circle meeting, for this final meeting, also complete the following. Write a final reaction to the novel, its relation to culture, and your ideas related to your inquiry questions. For this final reflection, write a blog post on Youth Voices. Check out <http://youthvoices.net/node/36253> for how you might get started.

Remember to write how reading your novel has impacted your thinking related to your inquiry question. Consider our culture-focused big questions in your final response:

- What are elements of culture?
- Why are elements of culture important to a cultural identity? How do these elements influence culture?
- When are cultural elements positive and negative?
- How does culture influence identity?
- What is a cultural identity, and how does it impact the world around us?

Activity 1: Literature Circle Group Final Discussion

Discuss the questions that all team members prepared for your meeting. You should also share insights from your dialectic journal and culture log.

Activity 2: Responding to Blog Posts

Read and respond to individual group members' blog posts on Youth Voices related to their final reaction.

Activity 3: Sharing Final Notes Online

Share your group thinking on our online class space. Include both ideas from discussion and ideas from your work responding to one another's blog posts on Youth Voices.