

GYC 201
Final Assignment
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1. I will use this assignment in my COL 101 course, Fall 2014
2. Learning about diversity is a key component of the course, and I typically spend two class periods explicitly focusing on related issues
3. The assignment focuses on social justice issues
4. I will use this assignment in week 6 of an 8 week class
5. GYC 201
6. Tish Hayes, COL 101;
7. Telling our Stories
8. Learning outcome for course: Appreciating diversity through the exploration of multiple perspectives.
9. Learning outcomes of the assignment:
 - a. Students will examine their media environment to identify representations of communities or people that are based on stereotypes
 - b. Students will illustrate how and why stereotypes are limiting

Context:

In class students will watch the TED Talk: The Danger of a Single Story, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story
This will be followed by a class discussion focused on clarifying what Adichie means by “a single story”, who tells “single stories” and why, and why the “single story” is unsustainable.

Assignment:

As we discussed in class, the “single story” is often told and perpetuated by the media. Find a recent example from the news, a tv show, movie, video game, or website to share with the class.

Be prepared to explain:

1. What the single story is
2. How that single story is limiting
3. How can that single story be challenged, either through individual action or as a community (or both)

You will present your story to the class, answering the above three questions

The presentation should be 3-4 minutes long, and you should be prepared to take questions from the class.

Assessment:

Grade will be based on answering the three questions adequately and the time of the presentation. I need to put together a rubric still.

