Part I. As you near the end of this course, and for most of you, the end of your study abroad program, I want you to reflect upon the many stories that have enriched your understanding of your host country.

First, read back through your reflections for Week 1 and 2. In these posts you 1) Reflected on Adichie's warning about the dangers of a single story, 2) Identified the single story of your host country prominent in the United States, 2) Listed possible alternative stories you might encounter/report on in your host country, and 4) strategized ways of hunting down these lesser known stories. How did things go for you? No doubt the country you are about to leave is more intricately textured and multi-layered than the one you arrived in a few months ago. Can you talk a little about that change? To what extent were you correct about the types of stories you might find, and how successful were you in finding them? Did your investigative strategies work? Talk a little about your experience of story finding, and how it affected your perception.

Part II. What has been your experience of transmitting these stories via blog? Do you feel that you were able to connect with your middle school classroom in an engaging and meaningful way? Please add a link to a blog post that you consider to be the most (or one of the most) successful. Spend a few moments explaining why you like it, and how it facilitated good learning for your readers. Did you get any feedback on it? Can you include it here?

Part III. Managing a community partnership long distance can be challenging. Talk a bit about what communicating with your partner teacher was like for you. Did you run into any difficulties? If so, what, and how did you deal with it? Include excerpts of any relevant correspondence. Looking back, is there anything you would have done differently? What would you be sure to do again? I plan on passing these tips on to future reporters, so please share anything you think might be useful.