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Opening Reflection
As we journey on the continuum toward cultural proficiency, we will notice our actions, reactions, and interactions, in our living, learning, and working environments in ways we have not noticed previously. Our opening reflection each class session will provide an opportunity for you to reflect on those observations through the prompts provided by your classmates.

10 Points
Prompt:
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Please use this space, and the back of the page, to respond to the prompt.
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The Culture Behind the Music

Music is interwoven into our culture. We are touched by it, influenced by it, and inspired by it. But what is the culture behind the music? What influenced the emersion of a genre? Who are the artists that brought the genre into the culture? What are the lasting impressions on the culture from this genre of music?

Genre: ____________________________________________________________

Artists: ____________________________________________________________

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Roots and background of the genre:

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Lasting impressions on the culture: _________________________________

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Books shape our culture...and us. What are you currently reading and why? What have you read that you told others about? What have you read that influenced you...how did it influence you? What have you read that educated you about cultures?

Title: _____________________________________________________________

Author(s): _________________________________________________________

Share some of your thinking. Use metacognitive stems to begin your summary by sharing at least three sentences that begin with "I think...", "I pondered...", "I noted...", "I figured out...", "I sense...", etc:

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Topnotch lines: Some lines in books naturally "speak" to us. Share at least one topnotch line and why you chose it.

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Summary perception and recommendation: ___________________________________________
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Moment of Zen
Solitude...pondering, reflecting, thinking. “The beautiful thing about this journey of cultural proficiency is that you learn from it. Not just saying that you learn from it, but applying the things that you have learned” ~Anonymous

Today’s Moment of Zen:

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