

JOURNAL ENTRY ONE: CRITICAL INCIDENT INVENTORY

First, access and complete the Social Group Membership Profile (available under the Journal Prompts and Resources folder on Edmodo). Using your social group membership profile as a reference, describe your responses to each statement below in your first journal entry. These statements relate to identity and memories of how we experience our multiple identities, privilege, and oppression. Therefore, the amount of detail you go into per statement may vary – just ensure the memory and your reflective response to it is explained. (See below for more about reflection.)

You may choose a variety of different social identity group memberships to think about – for example, I may respond to question one using one of my targeted identities (e.g., being a woman) then I may respond to question two using one of my privileged identities (e.g., being White) and then I may respond to question three using a different targeted identity (e.g., being from a low-income family).

Your journal entry can be completed in an electronic format (e.g., Word document or blog) or hand-written in a journal. You must submit your journal entry either before class via email (gibbonhm@muohio.edu) or bring the hard copy to class. I am not overly concerned with the number of pages – if you can do it in 3 pages, that's great and if you need 10 pages, that is fine too.

You are highly encouraged to use the readings/class experiences to guide your writing but the focus is on your personal reflection. Reflection does not just involve explaining *what* happened but also your reactions to it (e.g., how you felt, what you thought, how you see it connecting to EMPOWER, how you see it connecting to your career or life, etc.) There is a guide to reflective writing in the Journal Prompts and Resources folder that you may find helpful.

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Please reflect on...

1. The first time you were aware that your membership in a social group affected the way you would be treated.
2. A time you became aware that your membership in a social group gave you privileges not enjoyed by members of other social groups.
3. A time you became aware that your membership in a social group meant that you were denied privileges enjoyed by others.
4. A time you were aware of how having multiple targeted identities intensified your experience of oppression or having multiple privileged identities intensified your experience of privilege or a time you were aware of how one of your advantaged identities buffered the effects of one of your targeted identities.
5. A time you can recall supporting or going along with oppressive behavior.
6. A time you took action against oppression.

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