Important:

We are swapping Chapters 8 and 9 so that you’ll have time to gather materials this weekend for your vision board. ☺

To prepare for our exercise on Tuesday night, read Chapter 8 (if you haven’t already); next, gather as many magazines as you can find. It doesn’t matter what they are—one of your classmates might use a magazine that you don’t. Bring what you have. Likewise, I will bring in my color printer and additional supplies. Don’t feel as if you have to purchase anything; however, if you have it, please bring in glue or tape, scissors, poster board, and/or display boards. We will create vision boards for your long-term goals and then share them!

**Tonight:**

* Lecture on Chapter 9, Diversity
* Journal on Diversity
* Diversity Exercise/Assignment (in pairs or small groups)

**The Diversity Exercise**

**Objective:** to explore the cultural diversity around you in this classroom and, hopefully, encounter ideas/viewpoints that are new to you. Submit a copy of your work with both of your names before leaving tonight. This should be “noisy.” Talk to one another.

**Part One:**

For each of the following, ask your classmate his/her response.
Write down what they say in as much detail as you feel comfortable; listen closely and learn about your classmate. ☺ These are written in an “interview” style, so feel free to vary them.

1. What is your full name?
2. Why did your parents choose this name for you? Does it have mean for your family?
3. Where did you grow up? How did where you grew up influence who you are and how you behave today? Explain.
4. Describe the house that you grew up in—how many rooms, was it in the country or city, etc.? Share just as much as you feel comfortable; this is a question about economics, essentially.
5. With what cultural groups do you identify? Remember, this is a HUGE concept. One might belong to a military subculture, they might identify as Midwestern or Southern, they might call themselves “Republican” or “Democrat.” What you’re getting to here is what they think of FIRST when asked to describe and define themselves to strangers. It shows us what matters most to a person.
6. Think of a holiday tradition that you feel is unique or, at least, very special to you and your family. What is/was it? Why was it so important? Make sure to describe it in great detail. Tell a story.
7. Do you have any brothers and sisters? Do you come from a “big” family or “small” family?
8. Did your family practice a religion? If so, what? If not, was it ever discussed? Note: if you or your classmate is uncomfortable with this question make sure to communicate this with one another.
9. Do you generally hang-out with people who are like you or with those who are different? What does this question mean to you? Do you seek-out those with whom you have most in common or are you more likely to approach people who seem “unusual” to you? Why?
10. Have you ever felt like an “outsider”? When? What happened? How did it make you feel?
11. Read the case study on page 234 in your textbook with your classmate. Afterwards, choose three of the questions that follow it to answer together.

**Part Two:**

With your classmate, complete the following Internet/Research Tasks to explore more about cultural diversity. Please respond using complete sentences. It’s okay to hand-in just one copy of this work, as long as you both have your names on it!

Note: Don’t simply copy Wikipedia. Read what you find and then write your own responses.

1. Do some research on when women received the right to vote in the United States. What year was it?
2. What is suffrage? Who were two, famous suffragettes?
3. Who was Frederick Douglas?
4. What year did African-Americans receive the right to vote in the United States?
5. What was “The New Deal”? What did it do for some of the poorest Americans?
6. What is, statistically, the poorest/most impoverished region in the United States today?
7. Who is Dr. Cornell West?
8. Who is Dr. Judith Butler?
9. What is the difference between gender and sex, according to some theorists?
10. What was Prohibition? Are there any places in the United States where alcohol is still illegal?
11. What religion has the most followers world-wide?
12. Who was Mahatma Ghandi? What was his central, social/political cause?
13. Who is Gloria Steinem? For what is she famous?
14. What is feminism?
15. What is sexism?