**should include the following:** (1) Responses must identify the topic of interest, (2) Clarify importance of at least two cultural perspectives (own and any other culture) regarding the topic, (3) Demonstrate understanding of the importance of intercultural experiences, and, (4) Clearly and logically conclude the topic based on the evidence provided.

**Note:**

Please focus on the following points as you prepare your essay.

1. Integrate information taken from several different (referenced) sources, to organize that information and to summarize the information, with conclusions that may be new to you.

2. Begin with a thesis statement, (or claim) that you will explain and justify in your essay. Support your ideas with a rationale and evidence (not just, “I think”), logically organized throughout the essay. Your ideas and the support should be clear to the reader.

3. Select relevant material to illustrate your points **Do not** cite, quote or reference from Wikipedia or general non-verifiable sources. References should follow the APA format.

4. Do a self-reflection of your cultural awareness based on the implication of the topic/issue/problem raised in the essay.