

Week 18 Agenda: U4 Student-Led Inquiry

India and South Asia: From Area Studies to Ethnic Studies

The final week! It is especially flexible since even at the same school from year to year Finals Week can vary in the way it is scheduled. Ideally all the presentations will be done and you'll be able to wrap things up without feeling rushed. You could use the presentation itself as the Final Exam grade or you could use the below course reflection – or some combo of the two.

Final Exam or Lesson Option: Course Reflection

Optional Bell-Ringer: Would you say that this course provided you with more windows – glimpse of people and events that you don't identify with – or more mirrors – new ways of thinking about your own life?

Purpose

- As an instructor you'll want feedback on the course, but it's also important for students to step back and reflect on how they've developed their understandings of themselves, their communities, and the wider world throughout the course.

Prep

- Decide if you'd like to use a discussion format (rotating pairs or small groups who report back in a whole group discussion) or a written response – or some combo of the two
- Have copies of the Course Reflection available for students or plan to project the matching PPT to provide discussion/writing prompts

Procedure

1. Facilitate the reflection using the strategy of your choice

Course Reflection

1. Was this course what you expected when you signed up for it? Explain your thinking.
2. What was the most surprising thing that you learned in this course?
3. What do you think is the most useful thing you learned in this course?
4. Which lesson did you like the best? Explain your thinking.
5. What was not included in this course, but you wish had been? Explain your thinking.
6. How will your new knowledge about India and South Asia benefit you in your future profession (you can be as general or as specific as you like)? Explain your thinking.

Relevant Washington State Standards

SSS3.9-12.1 Evaluate one's own viewpoint and the viewpoints of others in the context of a discussion.