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Reflective #2

I have always found my self in love with the media of this world. I started out very young loving music and singing. I stated taking drum lessons when I was about ten years old from a private teacher. I went on to middle school and high school in jazz band, percussion ensemble, symphonic band, drum line, pep-band, and marching band. Through all these years of learning about music I went to state competitions and took home multiple 1st place awards in many different areas. To make a very long story short I decided that I needed more than just music and I left to Mexico on a two year mission for my church. When I came home I started going to college but knew that I wanted a family more than anything else. I have been wrestling with myself about what will be my profession and what major I need to pick. Along the way music has been very helpful to me when I needed a moment alone; now I find myself watching more and more deeper darker cult classic movies trying to find something that will spark my interest. Movies like Memento, Donny Darko, Elephant, and Boondocks Saints.

I found this class online and hoped that we would pick apart the movies we would view and talk about what they meant to us, and also see what the director was trying to say to us the audience. I loved seeing some of these controversial films like Temple Grandin and Autism the Musical. I work with autistic kids at the residential treatment facility that I have been at for the past four years. I started working there for the money to go to school but the truth is that I feel like it has turned into a calling from God. Seeing Temple Grandin and Autism the Musical, really helped me see into them and

see it from their perspective. I have known of the autism spectrum and how it can present itself in diverse ways but to see it as clear as day in Autism the Musical with all the different kids and their parent talking about how they came to find that their kids had autism hit home for me.

I also loved the history of the racial bigotry of our country that we studied in this class. I didn't love it as in "yes! people beating up black people" I just think people and kids now a days don't know a whole lot about it and they take it way to lightly. I think the older generation owe african american people especially an apology. These movies although they might have an agenda and might have some fiction thrown in there can really help ground you in the fact that this world sucks and we need to help each other and not hold someone else back because we are afraid of them or what they believe.

I feel like I have a better knowledge about healthcare, gay rights, racism, bigotry, sexism and why people indecently engage in these topics for malicious purposes. I feel like I can take from the content of this class a better knowledge of the world around me and understand people better. I feel like the morale of this class is even though we might like the way things are we need to be open to what others need and want. I think that there is never just one answer to any given problem, and even though I might not have the answer I think that anyone deserves that chance to give the world what it needs and wants.