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My Omoi

Your first short but also very important writing assignment will be due Friday, Sept 2nd, 2011 at the beginning of class. Remember all homework must be **printed out before class** time in order to be considered on time. If you know that you do not have access to a printer, make sure that you make arrangements to come in before school and/or that you communicate with me in advance so that I can help you submit your work in a timely manner.

Assignment Description:

You have now created a visual representation of your “omoi”. While the literal translation of the Japanese word “omoi” is feeling, thought, emotion, the conceptual meaning encompasses much more. Omoi is the essence of who you are, what motivates or drives you, what informs your decisions and your actions – it is what brings you to today and what will guide you into tomorrow. Understanding your omoi has value not only in enriching your personal growth, but also as an interpreter and maker of history. In order to look through the lenses of other individuals, to empathize with a vast array of experiences, we need to first understand what our own lens is. What experiences, values, beliefs make us who we are and inform our perspectives on life? This is for you to examine and explore in this 1-2 page essay. Your omoi should address what your self-image and self-ideal are. See the preparation questions below we discussed in class as a guide to what to address in your paper.

Components

In a 1-2 pg double spaced document:

1. Describe your omoi, use details that help make your omoi clear to your audience, include descriptions of your self-image & self-ideal.
2. Make connections (in writing) between your omoi, including your self-ideal and self-image) and your visual representation. (If you find your visual does not represent your omoi, self-image, and self-ideal in its entirety, you can modify your visual and or explain in writing what your visual represents and what it does not).

MAKE SURE YOU ADDRESS

-How would you describe your OMOI?

-What motivates you?

-What values define how perceive & interpret the world?

-What is at the core of who you are? How does that influence your behaviors?

-What is your self-image?

-What are your strengths?

-As a student as an individual?

-What are your interests? What are you inclined to do?

-What is most important to you in your life now?

-What is your self-ideal?

-What do you hope to be?

-As a student and as an individual?

-What do you idealize for your self in the future? What do you aspire to be and be like?

Rubric

<u>Category</u>	<u>5 pts.</u>	<u>4 pts.</u>	<u>3 pts.</u>
Description	Writer describes omoi/SI&I with descriptive language and details that make omoi/SI&I clear to audience.	Writer uses some descriptive language and details; however, certain areas lack important description or detail for audience.	Writer uses minimal descriptive language and details.
Connection to Visual	Writer is able to draw clear connections between omoi/SI&I and their visual, however abstract or concrete. Makes references to the various aspects of the visual that help audience make deeper interpretations of visual.	Writer makes many connections between omoi/SI&I and their visual. However, additional detail is needed for to go beyond the surface level of particular components.	Writer makes few connections between omoi/SI&I and their visual. More details and connections are needed in order to have a clear understanding of these connections.
Writing	Writing demonstrates significant care, consideration of audience, and revision. There are few grammatical mistakes and writer uses complete sentences. Overall the paper flows well and is well organized.	Writing demonstrates care, consideration of audience and revision, but incorporates more than a few grammatical mistakes, incomplete sentences or does not flow smoothly from one topic to another.	Writing demonstrates some care and consideration of audience, but is in need of additional revision, as evidenced by numerous grammatical mistakes, incomplete sentences or incoherent flow.

Total Pts: 15