**Reflection I**

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Interdisciplinary studies involves covering a range of practical and relevant and different subjects necessary for developing a better of understanding of learning and society. I desire to have my life count for something, to do something meaningful and contribute to society. We come to the university to learn how to make a difference for ourselves and the world. Although through whatever career you choose the bottom line is to care for your society and other humans to make the world a better place and improve your career and life by improving others. My learnings so far about differing approaches to knowledge is Seeing that Humans can do this in multiple ways such as by educating our children, becoming responsible workers and citizens, protecting the environment, dealing with poverty, reducing crime and violence, creating new art forms, discovering cures for diseases, developing new technologies, starting new businesses, practicing law and more. I do not want to be tied down to one thing and think that just because I do one thing I cannot make. difference in another area in life, interdisciplinary studies has assured me I don't have to. To make such a difference, we must prepare for the realities of life with its growing complexities and new challenges. This requires developing the skills to make connections, understand others, solve problems, develop leadership skills, engage in strategic thinking, practice analytical thinking, and work together. This class is helping students and I develop these skills. Jo-ann Archibald’s Coyote's Story About Orality and Literacy helped me make a connection in seeing two different sides of life in the same world and how you can make a difference. The story is a metaphor of conflict from a Native American perspective, although it does not have to be and you can apply it to anything. The idea is First Nations people see the world with mismatched eyes with the small eye representing their original tradition which has become diminished through Western life while the larger eye representing the big advanced Western life they have to see and comprehend everyday which has become difficult. In the story the buffalo and mouse take out one of their eyes because they have two. That is how the coyote got two different sized eyes which is better than nothing. This is the material I have most efficiently engaged with because I want to get a better understandings on different prospectives and cultures in life. I want to help the areas in the world that are in need with my career and this cannot be done in a singular way.

Which materials have you most effectively engaged with, and in what ways?

How have you been able to make connections between ideas, insights, events, materials, information,

assignments, that we’ve discussed/presented in class? Please provide a specific example.

What are your learnings so far about differing approaches to knowledge?