

INTRODUCTORY EXERCISE

1. Complete the following self-inventory by brainstorming as many items as you can for each category. Think about anything you know, find interesting, or are involved in which relates to the topics below.

Have you traveled to a different city, state, or country?

Do you have any projects in other classes you find interesting?

List them in the questions below.

- What do you read?
- What do you play or do for fun?
- What do you watch (visual media)?
- Where do you live or have you lived?
- What places have you visited (travel)?
- Whom do you know?
- What's important to you?
- If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

Choose your three favorite categories from the list above and circle them. Then ask a friend what they would be most interested in hearing about. Ask more than one friend, and keep score of which item attracts the most attention. Make sure you keep track of who likes which category.

2. What do you know about the world?

a. What is the most populous country on the planet?

1. United States
2. India
3. China
4. Brazil

b. The United States is home to more foreign-born residents than any other country. Which country has the next-highest number of foreign-born residents?

1. Russia
2. England
3. India
4. Argentina

c. As of 2008, what percentage of the world's population lived in an urban setting?

1. 15 percent
2. 30 percent
3. 50 percent
4. 60 percent

d. The world's population was about 6.5 billion in early 2009. In what year is this figure expected to double to 13 billion?

1. 2090
2. 2027
3. 2067
4. 2109

Answers: a. 3, b. 1, c. 3, d. 3.