**RWT exercise 1**

What labels might others apply to you? Dreamy, gearhead, geek, rich, petite, jock, Asian, well-dressed, dancer, hunter, spoiled, blue collar, etc. Write a paragraph about this, using the ten most prominent labels, and explaining each in one sentence.

Next, write a paragraph discussing (a couple sentences for each) which labels are true or somewhat true and which are false and why.

Finally, what are three personality traits about you that others would not know about you from just a surface-level view? Pick the three you think are most important—write 2-3 sentences for each.

**True**

Asian, my family is from Asia.

Nerd, I like learning.

Chinese, my parents are Chinese.

Cheap, I don’t buy much.

Good at math, I am great at math.

Average height, I am around the same height as my peers.

**False**

Bad driver, I’m not a really bad driver.

Know how to speak Chinese, I am not great at speaking Chinese.

Extrovert, I don’t like talking in large groups.

Old, I look relatively old compared to my brothers.

When people see me, they assume that I am Asian, and this is true. My parents are from Asia. Because I am Asian, people also assume that I am also a nerd. This also happens to be true; I love learning various subjects like Biology and Chemistry. They also assume that I am Chinese. Which is also true, my parents are both Chinese. People also assume that I am good at math. Which is true, I have always done at least above average in math. I am also assumed to be cheap. Which is also true, I don’t usually spend money on things that I don’t need. However, because I’m Asian, it is assumed that I am a bad driver. Which I think is false, I believe that I drive relatively safely albeit a little slow. People also frequently assume that I know how to speak Chinese. Which is true to an extent; I can speak, but not very well. A label that is unrelate to me being Asian is my height being about average. Which I think is true, I’ve never been especially tall or short when compared to the people around me. Some people might think that I am a bit extroverted especially since, as I’ve been told, I tend to make jokes during class. But I’m not especially comfortable talking in large groups. People also sometimes think that I am older than my elder brothers. This is probably because of my facial hair.

From just observing me in class, some people might assume that I’m an extrovert; but this is not true. I’ve never enjoyed being in large groups or talking to people. People probably wouldn’t know that I am usually bored, despite the fact that I shouldn’t be bored in this world of technology and the internet. Even if I find something fun, I would typically lose interest relatively quickly. Most people wouldn’t know the abject terror I have about the future. I occasionally find myself fearing the prospect of growing up and failing; the thought growing up not knowing what I’m doing with my life.