Firstly, let’s begin with a brief introduction to who I am. My name is Dayne Dellaire, I am a 21-year-old straight white male, and I am a 4th year Computer science student. I was born and raised in Canada and so too were my parents. Over the stretch of this course and working on this assignment, I have discovered that who I am has been heavily dictated by the structural and personal forces in my life and as difficult as it is for me to write about my life I would like to share a small fraction of these experiences.

The most powerful structural force in my life is my parents and grandparents. I hold my parents to the highest regard, and I have so much respect for them. My parents have not only instilled their values, and traits in me but have been the most influential teachers in shaping my identity. I like to carry myself in such a way that people can see me as dependable, trustworthy, and worthy of respect and much of this I picked up from my father. From teaching me the values of hard labor to yelling at me when I needed to hear it, my father has been a rock in my life since I can remember. My friends tell me that the way I act and carry myself is so similar to my father. My mother and grandmother have been as equally important, they both taught me a multitude of life skills such as, being empathetic, caring for others, and the importance of family.

The most important part of my culture in my eyes that I have inherited from my parents is family dinners. At the end of each day my family will gather in a spot and share a meal, at this time we share stories of our day and bond as a family. This is a tradition my grandmother gave to my mother, and it is something that I will continue forward with my family one day.

Growing up in the early 2000’s both the internet and social media was on the rise, and since I can remember I have had a very large online prescience. Internet culture has without a doubt shaped who I am and will probably continue to do so.

In conclusion taking a step back and examining who I am as a person and what has lead me down the road to become who I am today has been very enlightening. Without the course and reading the teachings I don’t think I would’ve noticed these personal and structural forces that have played a pivotal role in shaping my identity. What’s important to me though is I have always believed that I have no culture but after with speaking with friends and family it has proved I do have culture which can be seen all around me.