***Cultural Minority Activity***

You are to participate in an activity where you are a minority member in some major way. The

intent of the assignment is that you are significantly different than the majority such as a

different race than the majority or a different gender or a different religion at a worship service.

The activity should be active rather than passive.

Some examples of activities include:  volunteering at a homeless shelter or shelter for abused

women, volunteering to work with children with exceptionalities or older people in a nursing

home, attending a different religious or spiritual celebration (another Christian service does not

count if you are a Christian yourself), attending an AA meeting, attending an event where another language is spoken, or attending an event focusing on gay/lesbian/transgender issues. If you are not sure about an activity, please discuss it with the instructor.

The activity or event should be interactive and should last between 1-3 hours.

After attending the event, write a 2-3 page reflection and include the following:

* Detailed description of the activity (name of the event, where and when it occurred,

activities that occurred, length of time spent at the event) and your interaction with the

other participants.

* Your emotional reaction to the event. For example, did you feel uncomfortable? Were

you included or excluded? If you felt included, what made you feel comfortable and

included? If you felt excluded, what could have been done to make you feel included?

* How did participation in this event raise your awareness about the need to include all

learners? What did you learn from your participation in the event that you can use in your

teaching? Describe the lessons you learned that may affect how you include diverse

learners in your classroom.