Lesson Plan for DL Students, Discipline Awareness Exercise

**Assignment Objective**

For this exercise you are going to use components of your discipline to tackle the real-world problem of homelessness in the United States. You are also going to work across disciplines to create a multipurpose action plan.

Relevant sources:

* A.P. News article: <https://www.apnews.com/47662ad74baf4bb09f40619e4fd25a94>

HUD report (read only key findings on page 5) - <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2017-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

**PART 1 - FOR YOUR FIRST POST**

1. Read the two sources linked above.
2. Write down the name of your discipline and three possible career paths within that discipline. Try to think of careers that connect somehow to the problems described in the articles.
3. Describe three foundational questions professionals in your field might ask (you can consult Research Assignment #1 for this information if you don’t remember).
4. Based on the readings, write down three specific consequences of the problem described in each source. In other words, why is the problem a problem?
5. At this point, imagine yourself working as a professional in your discipline. Your first job will be to tackle some aspect of the problems you described in #4. But before you decide to focus on a cause or solution, you need to gather more information. I want you to brainstorm 6 – 10 specific questions to help you further narrow your parameters.
6. Now, based on all the information you’ve gathered, I want you to focus on a specific area. If you could work on one area of the problem, what would it be? Explain your answer in a brief paragraph (75 – 150 words).

**PART 2 - FOR YOUR SECOND POST**

Read through what the people in your group have written. Choose two ideas (or preliminary questions) from two students whose majors are different from yours. Integrate their ideas with your own to create one cohesive, master plan. Finally, put it together in a brief paragraph. Using the example below as a guide, you only need to recreate the paragraph (action plan), not the first part.

***PART 2 SAMPLE***

Action plan -   Based on my idea, and the ideas of Claudia and Ana, I’ve come up with an action plan that will focus on the most potent form of communication to inform people about Zika and how to avoid infected mosquitos. Using Ana’s background in psychology, we will find a way to tap into people’s greatest fears to get them to pay attention. We will conduct surveys in this specific region and do some research. Using my background, we will figure out what forms of communication have been most effective in the past in relaying information to the public regarding public health problems. Then, Using Claudia’s background in design, we will put together visually-captivating images that incorporate Ana’s psychological findings. We will figure out what platforms to use (sides of buses, websites, etc.) and we will also think about sources of revenue for funding this information campaign.

**PART 3 FOR YOUR THIRD POST**

In a brief paragraph, select one of the action plans of your group mates. Explain how his/her action plan allowed you to see something about your action plan and your discipline from a new perspective. Be as specific as possible (at least 75 words)

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