

Appendix G
Assignment on Optional Chats

OPTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS Choose a combination from at least two options below to total 100 points

Option 1. Participation in an one-hour chat room with cultural consultants
(50 pts each – there will be several to choose from)

Participation means getting online in the chat room at the designated time and contributing to the chat by sending at least four messages, listening to others, and demonstrating caring and respectful interaction.



Option 2. Participation in a threaded discussion on specific topics and issues (50 pts each – there will be several to choose from)

Participation means reading and posting at least four messages in a threaded discussion in a meaningful manner with substantive content. Participation also means caring and respectful interaction. Even though we read instead of listen to what people have to say, active listening is critical if we are to "hear" the affect of a discussion and people's emotions, passion, etc.

Participants in these optional discussions are to post four messages that are substantive in ideas and bring new knowledge or perspectives into the discussion (not a one liner of "I agree with your ideas" or "go girl"). You may post more messages (or send them privately), but the first four will be the ones graded.



Option 3. Find, review and share with the class NEW websites (not in the modules) that can help teachers teach (or students learn) global perspectives. (25 pts each)

For example, sites may provide perspectives and experiences from people in the regions under study, teach global interconnectedness or global issues, teach about globalization historically, teach against cultural stereotypes, teach complexity within countries and cultures, teach crosscultural skills and communication, etc.

Use the same format for posting the reviews as for *favorites*.



Option 4. Work with two other people in the class to initiate and lead a discussion on a topic (related to the course) that you see as important. (50 pts)

Use email in WebCt or the listserv to see if others are interested in a topic you would like to discuss. Once you have a topic agreed upon by three people, email Dr. at .1@osu.edu to request her to set it up