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RELATED LESSON/ACTIVITY    Grade:  10th grade Personal Finance Class (one class period)

SNAPPY LAUNCH:    As students come in, have low background music playing from the Hmong culture.  Use [THIS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOAesHoxQe8&feature=related) website – do not show video now, only have audio playing..

Discussion

After students are settled into their seats and ready to begin class, read this quote  from the book aloud.

Page 163:  On way to Thailand…..”…wife found a baby, less than a year old, trying to nurse from the breast of its dead mother.  They walked past it too.”

Class, why do you think I am playing this music?   Why do you think I am making these statements?    [affirm input]      I would like to read you a few more quotes.  I want you to listen carefully, without commenting.  I will pause for a few moments (10 seconds) before I read another to give you a little time to think about what I have said.   Here we go……

Page 177:  “In the Hmong moral code, foretelling a death is strongly taboo.”

Page 135:  “In some spheres, the Hmong reacted to these upheavals, as they had to calamities throughout their history, by grasping their traditional culture even more tightly.”

Page 173:  “If you laugh at something, it can’t break your heart.”

Page 147:  “Here was American medicine at its worst and its best:  the patient was reduced from a girl to an analyzable collection of symptoms…”

Page 148:  spinal taps:  “Hmong believe to be potentially crippling both in this life and in future lives.”

Page 176:  “”but that’s the quandary of Western medicine, that you can’t let people die.””

Who knows where in America the most Hmong live?     Minnesota!   This means you will most likely encounter this group of  
individuals in your life, even in rural Karlstad.  I want to provide you with some background and exposure to Hmong history and culture.

I will reread each statement and also show it on the Smartboard to allow you to visually see/ponder/process the quote.    After each we will have a short discussion.  [After reading each, provide background data found in book surrounding quote.  Answer any questions students have.]

Now I’d like to show you a video that accompanies the music we have been listening too.   It is a music video just like you see on MTV or VHI.   Class, why do you think I playing this music?   Why do you think I am making these statements?    [VIDEO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOAesHoxQe8&feature=related)

Homework Assignment (due in three days to allow time for cognitive processing and research)

Choose three of the quotes I read to you in class:

* Write (type or handwritten) a personal reflection in fifty to sixty words.  Use complete sentences.
* As discussed, Minnesota is the state with the largest population of Hmong.  Research and report what the other two states are.
* Create five questions you have about the Hmong culture.

*Assessment/Grading:*

\_\_\_\_\_/30 points          10 points possible for each of the personal reflections – demonstrating recall of data points discussed in class discussion.

\_\_\_\_\_/5 points            Correct identification of the two states.

\_\_\_\_\_/25 points          5 points possible for each question provided.

\_\_\_\_\_/15points           knock my socks off with a creative statement, questions, or cool

                               YouTube video reflecting Hmong culture (nothing inappropriate!)

                                Write the link on your homework.

**\_\_\_\_\_/70 POINTS TOTAL**

Differentiated Homework Assignment (due in three days also)

Choose one of the quotes I read to you in class.

* Write (type or handwritten) a personal reflection in thirty to fifty words.  Use complete sentences.
* As discussed, Minnesota is the state with the largest population of Hmong.  Research and report what the other two states are.
* Create two questions you have about the Hmong culture.

*Assessment/Grading:*

\_\_\_\_\_/30 points          Personal reflections – demonstrates recall of data points discussed in class discussion.

\_\_\_\_\_/5 points            Correct identification of the two states.

\_\_\_\_\_/25 points          Questions provided.

\_\_\_\_\_/15points           knock my socks off with a creative statement, questions, or cool

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