I believe this course will give me the answers to questions I have had for years and provide "a face to the name". "Why do people within this culture greet others that way?", "Why do people in this culture celebrate that way?", "How did this event affect the way people within that culture interact with one another?" I am hoping this course will answer those questions, introduce more thought provoking questions, and answer those as well. Overall, I hope to expand my knowledge of why cultures that differ from mine express themselves in that manner from an objective standpoint and continue to learn more about various cultures outside of class. Currently I use a physical planner and the calendar app in my phone to keep track of assignments. As the course progresses I will tweak the ways I study for this course. In the past I made my own study guides with an answer key and multiple blank copies. That method has helped me in many classes, but not all as the course continues I will either use my study guides or find a new method to ensure I learn and remember the material.

Beyond enjoying and learning from other cultures I also make an effort to stay aware of issues that impact said communities. The representative image I chose is a screenshot of my favorite playlist on shuffle. I chose this image because music is a major part of my life and no matter the genre, language, or culture the music comes from I appreciate and enjoy it the same as each song on that playlist.

This is a partial screenshot from Take Away assignment 1. I chose this image because I believe it gives those who do not know me a small but accurate picture of who I am. In this screenshot I mention my diverse music playlist and provide a screenshot of my shuffled playlist. My interests

for different cultures expands farther than music and other forms of art. I enjoy learning about mannerisms, customs, cultural practices, and languages.