

Assignment Takeaway: Study Abroad Blog – Emotions

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Cassandra Lopez, a Spanish and English major at Temple University, studied abroad in Oviedo, Spain. She documented her experience from January to February of 2022. At the beginning, Lopez describes feelings of fear and anxiety at starting her 5-month journey to Spain. Strength, patience, and bravery are also discussed, as she anticipated traveling to another country and the possibility of not being adept at the language.

A few weeks into her experience, Lopez discovered some comfortability in communication and culture. Specifically through food, Lopez discovered that she was more comfortable switching between languages and that this approach was actually appreciated by locals (Lopez, 2022). By the third entry in her blog, Lopez begins using terms like confidence, comfortable, happy, and proud to describe her emotions and the emotions of those she is interacting with.

My search for a blog was primarily based on substance. Many of the blogs had yet to include much material. Next, I looked for a country of interest. When stumbling on Cassandra Lopez, I noted that she was a Latinx woman going to a country where the primary language is Spanish. I thought this to be intriguing, as I was curious to what a possibly culturally adjacent trip might provide her. I was surprised (in spite of my assumptions) to find that Lopez was not proficient in the language. This played a large role in both the narrative and my intrigue while reading.

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