**Spring Intensive English (Dr. Elwood)**

1. Good morning! Our first task today is to form groups with four members because many of the activities in our class will be conducted as groups.

**Task: Make groups with four members.**

2. As you can see from our class plan, topics 4, 5, and 7-12 are not yet defined. We will do that now. From the following list of topics, **we will choose 8** for readings, class discussions and lectures; these are generally related to American culture and society. These will be in addition to three other lectures that we will have today and the final lecture on Tuesday.

**Task: Talk with your classmates. Which of the topics in the box are most interesting to you? Which are least interesting to you?**

* American art • Healthcare in the USA
* Creativity • Mass media
* Crime in the USA • American music
* American education • NGOs
* the American Family • Pop culture
* Fashion • Science & technology in the USA
* Food in the USA • Sport in the USA
* Manga • Baseball in the US and Japan
* Guns in the US • US military bases in Japan
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3. As part of this class, you will work with your group to research one of the above topics by making a questionnaire, interviewing people, and reporting your data in a presentation format on our last day (March 18). More information will come later. Now, we will choose research topics by lottery, meaning you will write your name on a piece of paper, I will gather the names, and then draw a topic for each group. After we make partners, we will have another lottery to choose presentation topics.

**Task: Write the names of your group members on a piece of paper and give the paper to me.**

4. Finally, beginning on Wednesday, each group will also summarize one topic reading with a short presentation (yes, for most of those six topics we will have two presentations). You will see examples today and tomorrow. The reading topic that you summarize will NOT be the same as your pair research topic.

**Task: With your group, choose a reading topic (different from your research topic) and ask Dr. Elwood for that topic (“May we have …, please?”)**