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Demographic Description

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### Description of the Community

I am at Le Mars, Iowa for my student teaching internship. It is a blue collar community in Northwest Iowa. Its population is approximately 9,237 people. Le Mars is not a very diverse city. Ninety-five percent of the population is white. Many other groups combine to make up the last 5 percent. Most of these groups are less than 1% percent of the population. However, Hispanics do make up 2.44 percent (Le Mars Iowa Population and Demographics Resources, 2000).

### Description of the School District

Le Mars School district serves four elementary schools grades Pre-K-5 with approximately 1,005 students. There is one middle school, grades 6-8, with 510 students, and one high school, grades 9-12, with 729 students. 12<sup>th</sup> grade has 180 students. 11<sup>th</sup> grade has 163 students. 10<sup>th</sup> grade has 169 students. Finally, 9<sup>th</sup> grade has 188 students. This gives you a total of 2,244 students in the Le Mars School district. The student to teacher ratio is 16:1. The overwhelming population of the school district is Caucasian. Once again the Le Mars School district is not very diverse (Le Mars Community School District Information, 2011)

### Description of the School

The high school which I am placed at has a student population of 729 students. 12<sup>th</sup> grade has 180 students. 11<sup>th</sup> grade has 163 students. 10<sup>th</sup> grade has 169 students. Finally, 9<sup>th</sup> grade has 188 students. The school employs 44 faculty members. Over 90% of the schools population is white. Hispanics make up about 3% of the schools population. African Americans make up 1% of the schools population, and Native Americans and Asian Americans make up less than 1% of the schools population (Le Mars High School, 2011).

### Description of the Classroom

The majority of the high school classrooms at Le Mars do not have windows. However, Mr. Eckstaine was lucky enough to get a room that has windows this year. The classroom has a whiteboard that spans across the front of the room. The back wall has two world maps and two U.S. maps. The classroom also has numerous motivational posters throughout the room, along with four American flags. The technology in the classroom includes a projector that connects to the computer. The projector also has cable, so any important current events can be viewed in the classroom. There is also an overhead projector for viewing transparencies. The desks all face the front of the room in 4 rows of 7 and 1 row of 2.

### Description of the Students

The Advanced Government class that I am teaching has eleven students. There are 9 boys and 2 girls. They are all juniors and seniors. There are 10 Caucasians and one Asian American. They are all of fairly strong academic ability, and they have all passed American Government.

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