

STUDENTS ENROLLING IN DSLA 0330 ONLINE

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DSLA 0330 PRETEST (for Course Enrollment)

Directions: Based on the context of each passage, type in a word that makes sense in each blank below. Do not use a dictionary or any other resources. Please do this pretest by yourself.

Exercise 1

I met with the bilingual resource teacher to chat about concerns and possibilities. She told me she do an informal observation “ week from tomorrow.” It a long wait, but is how it is schools. She came. She . She listened. On her out, she said, “You have better results, dear, you called him Miguel.”

could not have been embarrassed or confused. How I have been calling sweet, quiet child the name? I was a teacher: How could I made such a ? How could the school have made this mistake? hadn't the parents corrected ? Why hadn't the child me?

Miguel didn't stay with for long. His family on to allow their calendar of opportunities. We get to say goodbye, that's how it happens schools. Miguel's paperwork arrived three weeks after he moved away. I was through the folder, updating for his next teacher, I noticed something that me catch my breath. name wasn't Michael. It Miguel. His name was David.

wondered how it was this child could have part of my classroom more than a month, in the entire time never had enough personal to tell me that name was David. What it about me, about other children, about the that made David feel had to give up name. No child should to forfeit his identity walk through our classroom . No child. Ever. It is much too high a price to pay.

(His Name is Michael, Fry 8)

Exercise 2

Vegetarians and animal welfare campaigners aren't too keen on McDonald's—for obvious reasons. As the world's largest supplier of beef, McDonald's is responsible for the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of cows per week, all from intensive factory farms. All such cows suffer great cruelty during their unnatural, painful and short lives, many being kept inside cages with no access to fresh air and sunshine, and no freedom of movement—how can this cruelty be measured? Is it acceptable for the food industry to exploit animals at this level? Again, McDonald's argues that it sticks to the letter of the law; and if there are any problems, it's a matter for government. McDonald's also claims to be ethical with its animals.

In 1996 McDonald's opened in India for the first time: a country where the majority of the population is vegetarian and the cow is sacred. This is a good example of the inexorable spread of western multinationals into every corner of the globe, a spread which is creating a globalized system in which wealth is drained out of local economies into the hands of a very few, very elite. Can people challenge the undermining of long-lived and diverse cultures and regional diversity? Can sustainable farming be replaced by cash crops and large-scale agriculture under control of multinationals—how are people fighting back?

So it seems as if lots of people are angry with the way McDonald's operates about its business. So there is a big global protest going on about them, is it? Wrong. McDonald's knows full well how important its public image is and how damaging it would be if any of the allegations started becoming well-known among its customers.

(McDonald's Makes a lot of People Angry for a Lot of Different Reasons, Fry 13)

Exercise 3

Despite living in a culture that encourages participation, Americans have a woefully low voting turnout rate compared to other democracies. There are several reasons for Americans' abysmally low rate. Probably the reason often cited is the requirement of voter registration. governments of many, but all, other democracies take responsibility of seeing to that all their eligible are on the voting . In America, the responsibility registration lies solely with individual.

A second difference the United States and other is that the American asks citizens to vote more often. Whereas Europeans may be called upon cast two or three in a four-year period, Americans are faced with dozen or more separate in the space of years. Furthermore, Americans are expected vote for a much range of political offices. 1 elected official for 442 citizens and elections virtually every week, is no wonder that is so difficult to Americans to the polls. is probably no coincidence the one European country has a lower turnout – Switzerland—has also overwhelmed citizens with voting opportunities, asking their people to 3 times every year.

Finally, stimulus to vote is in the United States because choices offered Americans are as stark as in countries. This is because United States is quite unusual that it has always a socialist party. European voters go to polls, they are deciding whether their country will run by parties with goals or by conservative .

(Whether to Vote: A Citizen's First Choice, Fry 11)