**WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED THIS SEMESTER?**

1. The major lesson I have learned from discussions and studies this semester is that history teaching and learning have had significant unbiases and inaccuracies.
2. To be specific, high schools' history textbooks and their respective authors depict the United States as a benign, morally upright country.
3. I have realized that the history taught has aided in giving the students the view that our government is the presumable good guy in the promotion of civil rights, an approach termed as 'the international good guy' view.
4. Conceptually, a history book of the American federal government shows how the government has ventured into peace-keeping actions in countries where chaos has erupted or is they presume will erupt.
5. The students are, as such, taught to align their allegiance to the government unquestionably.
6. With this, the role of citizenship now comes short of democracy; rather, it establishes blind faith and patriotism as the students and other citizens refute or play down their criticism on specific government actions.
7. Primarily, I have had the revelation on the grandiosity of private citizens and non-governmental institutions' influence in the governance of America.
8. Multinationals have for ages now influenced policy making to benefit their agendas.
9. Textbooks on American history do not necessarily elaborate on this issue.
10. Furthermore, I have come to fathom the realities within America's involvement in different atrocities of war, coups, and assassinations.
11. Unfortunately, the accuracy of such information has been an enigma due to the vagueness of textbooks used to teach history.
12. As discussed, textbook authors are hell-bent on portraying the United States as a nice and agreeable nation.
13. The atrocities of wars that the United States has been involved in are extreme for a country being considered a peace-keeping force.
14. Through its do-good belief, the United States finds itself at loggerheads with other countries regularly.
15. Not to promote violence, but one does expect retaliation when they cause harm to others.
16. Moreover, I have learned that democracy is not upheld when governments are not criticized for their actions.
17. The tendency of governments to have autonomy in the invasion of other states through deploying military troops derails democracy.
18. As per se, taxpayers' and ordinary citizens' money is used in funding these military actions.
19. I have also learned the social inequality brought about by improper governance.
20. Basic civil rights were denied to African Americans and other people of color mainly due to improper governance.
21. Due to the spite of people of color, Hoover clears the FBI of African American operatives and leaves two of them as chauffeurs rather than officers of the law.
22. The major ethical dilemmas I have encountered include human decency towards diversity.
23. The fact that people in the government can plan assassinations of other people shows that our government is not a saint.
24. There is a lack of ethical standards and practices. The atrocities caused by wars instigated by America have led to the death of many people, some of them who are American national.