

Brainstorming Notes

Film OR a series of photographs

(1) The world is not that bad

My reaction to the world when I get really depressed

Personal story of cutting my finger and go to my hospital alone

reaches into the depression stage

Then

Realize

small details in my life that warms me

People help each other (pick up wallet for each other)

parents are always there for you

Workers wake up early to sweep the street

People holding subway door for others

In a New York city like

(2) My own background

As international student

How hard is it to study abroad at the first time

Broken English

Cultural difference

Loneliness

Introverted and isolated

Stress and work load

The heart of not wanting to make my parents worry

Ignore mental break downs

Disconnected in the social world (missing friends from home)

(3) Majorly Movie

What is it like to be in a design school?

The concept of in competitive design school there are still helpful, collaborative relationship

(4) I'm proud of my country

A country that was defeated and despised has built so much power around the world in the recent 20 years.

Introduction: a friend comes from Cambodia, constantly watching American TV shows (never seen him watching shows in his own language)

"There are not TV shows from my countries that are good. Since I was a small kid, I have been watching Chinese TV shows. There is nothing that interesting in my language, not even music."

I feel sad for him, because there is nothing in his culture that he can connect with and be proud of.

Jump to my own story

The Rise power of China makes me feel proud and accepted to another country.

Chinatown (Chinese food and culture are being appreciated)

Chinese artist collaborating with American artists

And I always have my own cultural comfort zone, abundant well made Chinese songs and TV shows I can listen and watch (I'm proud to share with my American friends, "Chinese stuffs" are good)

Vendors saying "谢谢" to me to show respects to our language

When I talk about different cities in China, people immediately recognized them.

People used to judge Chinese as being weak and poor (racists, small eyes) , but right now much stronger with a positive image. Chinese culture are being highly valued that makes Chinese people much more interesting. People from all around the world want to talk to Chinese and be friends with them. We are more powerful, we are being accepted.

I feel strong, because I'm a Chinese.

I love my country.

(5) Horror

Constantly I'm thinking someone is chasing me

He was everywhere

Forcing me to do things

Making me so stressed and unable to breathe

I wake up

the ghost is myself

I never get satisfied with myself and I pushed myself too far

(6) 6. Write about a day in your life

Take a look inside you, or, more specifically, take a look *behind* you — my values and my beliefs.

Did you meet someone? Did something happen at work? Was it actually totally boring?

I'm...

I'm...

I'm...

Shift

I'm not...

I'm not...

I'm not...

(In an ironic tone)

