

Student Reflection Page: Asmaru Yashita

Grade Level: High School

Complete this reflection page after watching the Deeper Look video: Asmaru Yashita, Berhane's Mother. In this piece, Berhane's mother speaks about how Berhane overcame obstacles coming to a new school. Write your responses, using examples from the video and your own experiences.

1. Based on what you learned about Berhane in the video, what are three adjectives you would use to describe Berhane? Explain your answers.

2. When Berhane came to his new school in the United States he experienced "culture shock." How did Berhane's experience as a new student at his American school differ from what a new student's experience would be in Ethiopia? Based on what we learned from Berhane's mother about his experience how would you define "culture shock"?

3. Berhane's mother helped him to stay motivated in his new school in the United States by telling him to try his best. How do the adults in your life motivate you to do well in school or your extracurricular activities?

4. Think about a time when you were the "new kid." How did it feel? Did the people around you make you feel welcome? Or did they make you feel out of place? If they made you feel welcome, how did they do so? If they made you feel out of place, what could they have done differently to make you feel more a part of the group? How might your own experience inform the way you interact with new people who enter your school and/or community?
