

## **To Observe and Infer**

Our first reflection prompt is an emphasis on observation and inference, both of which are an important aspect of research and socializing in general, in my mind, to observe and infer is to get the internal vibe of a particular place or person without having to ask directly, just by noticing subtle cues in the face and general body language, and I hope to connect these aspects to this reflection.

One thing I will be most interested in during the site visit is the place where the water fair would be theoretically held. Particularly, I want to see if it can be made inviting. In my experience, a blank slate painted white room with a small interior and sparse decorations sends a message that the event is either very rushed, very boring, or both at the same time. This can be inference by a particular aspect of the 5 senses. The most important sense in this context is sight, because what it looks like sets the whole vibe of the fair.

An uninviting demeanor can kill the entire feeling of the fair, so I feel we should work to make the water fair seem exciting. One story I remember was from a friend's birthday party back in elementary school, it was held in what I could only describe as a Chuck-E-Cheese-esque play place, even if it was just playing for a couple hours and then there was cake and gift opening, it felt more fun, and like something that felt worthy of dedicating a part of your day or even the whole day to. Another aspect to touch on would be socioeconomic cues. One thing we want to do is grab attention, so one thing I want to avoid is making the fair look "cheap," like barely decorated, the activities aren't well researched, and look barely slapped together and held together with nothing but hopes and dreams, but I know funding might be an issue, so I hope we can at least make an effort to make it look presentable.

Regarding my group's Team call with our site partner, from what I could see, he was really apprehensive about this water fair, and I think it is in large part because of temporal and spatial restrictions. For starters, the date of the water fair is an issue my group and I ran into at first. Our partner is a teacher, so time restrictions were to be expected, as seemingly his only few days off all fall on Thursdays. All my group mates, excluding myself, had reservations about this date because of tests or missed lectures. Regarding spatial issues, I have already touched on how I was worried about how much space we are given because it might restrict what we could realistically do for this water fair. One of my plans is to bring all of our ideas to the table, in an attempt to dissolve some of his apprehensions, but we also need to keep our ideas in the perspective of JJK so that the fair will run smoothly as intended.