Dear, Elizabeth

Hello, my name is Cory Brown and I would like to formally introduce myself to you in this letter. I particularly want to talk about all the different aspects of a social scientist. Writing, reading and observation is something I do on a daily basis. It is somewhat like my daily ritual. Many times when I am required to read, write, or observe something, I dread it. Then later on while I am completing the task I get lost in it. When writing my thoughts flow very fast and it feels like I can write forever and because of that, I can be sort of unorganized. The amount and quality of work that is produced are dependent on the topic or task that is being discussed. For example, when writing about people or one's behavior, there would be so much to say or write about. I am an extrovert so meeting people and discovering their desires and thought is very interesting. A human's behavior, thoughts, and beliefs are what makes them the person they are. So when writing about someone, it's like writing the anatomy of a person. The writing can go on forever if as long as I can ask unlimited questions.

For me, reading is something that I like to do only when I am reading something that interests me. Similar to writing, the amount of time I spend reading is dependent on what I am reading. Something that would grab my attention is a mystery, fantasy, fiction, and sci-fi books. I believe all of those genres require an amazing imagination with a bit of experience. Since it is not real, things can be made up and created. As long as the author has a splendid imagination the story will be great. However sometimes reading too much can be a scary thing. I noticed the more I read, the more knowledge I gained. With knowledge comes good and bad. Learning about bad things in the world and good things of the world. It's very difficult to explain but I feel that you discover positive and negative things about the world. Reading things I love comes so natural to me. However, reading things that I am not interested in is a bore. It is very simple for me in my eyes. If the topic is not interesting to me I begin to get bored and sleepy.

Observing people is something that everyone does on a daily basis without even realizing. I realized that you can observe in many ways, from afar, up close, through the way someone speaks, acts, or think. It is very complex because it is different from what I'm used to. I'm used to learning about myself and the objects around me. When observing a person it becomes a task that has to be carefully sought out. All the complexities of observing someone's social behavior is like a challenge. I love a challenge so I observe people all the time. As I said before I am an extrovert so being social is something that is important to me. The most accurate way to observe someone, in my opinion, is based on their thoughts and opinions. Normally when a person voices their thoughts and opinions, I evaluate their thoughts and either relate to it or disregard it. By doing that a relationship is created, that relationship could either be good or bad. So observation is an entire process in my opinion. First I gain information, then evaluate that information and make my judgment. However, I use to feel like observation can also be seen as creepy and invading. The way you constantly have to study and watch someone without them being aware feels wrong. As a child, I did not speak a lot so I would just stare and observe the insane behavior around me. Since I did not speak a lot all I would do is stare. The moment some caught me staring they would see it as a negative gesture. When in reality that a person's behavior, attitude, etc is what catches my eye. Though I could not say that because it would come off as weird. However, observation is essential in everyday life because you meet new people every day. Some people may not like it but, I am sure that they also observe and study people without

noticing. Without observation, it's difficult to make connections and bonds. Be that as it may, all of this ties into to why society is the way it is.

As a child, I was very blind to society and its behavior. All that was familiar to me was regular kid stuff. Playing video games, eating candy, and having sleepovers. As time passed I realized there are so many problems in the world and so much suffering. So much fighting amongst each other and different point of views. It made me feel like peace in this world was a fantasy. However, I watch this cartoon where there was a boy who only wanted peace for everyone and the world. His idea was that the world needed someone to take in all the hate all over the world. That if people just took the time to understand one another peace would be reachable. I strongly agreed with this fictional character's belief because we both shared similar views on world peace. I believe the problem today is that nobody listens to understand. Everyone only listens to respond. If people took time to understand each other, ask why, and why not, maybe this world would be on it's way to peace. That's where observation, reading, writing and reflecting comes in. For example, through reading and observation, I see that racism is a major issue today, racism is a hateful trait. Nobody should be hated because of their skin. Racism is linked with slavery. In the beginning, slavery was not tied to race. Slavery was around even in biblical times, however, slaves could have been anybody. White people created the major issue of racism today when they decided many years ago, Africans should be slaves because of the color of their skin. If at that time, white people had seen what how much problems and issues they were creating maybe racism wouldn't have been so much of an issue. Now, to gather up points, through observation I realized that if racism had not been created most of societies issues today would not exist. I only wish they had learned to love not hate sooner.

I still believe we can achieve peace though. Although right now society is problematic, we are learning through struggle and experience. Learning to understand one another through speaking, observing, and gaining more knowledge as the days go by. For example the NFL player Colin Kaepernick peaceful ongoing protest, it has been getting much attention. I respect the way he is going about it. Instead of acting out violently he resists silently. If today and forever people observe, read, write and understand I believe this world could be on the way to peace. Maybe not anytime soon but eventually. That is why I always remember the essentials of writing, reading, and observing. I have gained so much great relationships from observing the people around me. With reading and writing, I believe I gained a lot of knowledge on all sorts of things. I also learned that you should never shy away from knowledge because you will always learn.

The main issue about being social and experimenting with others behavior is the things you find. You never know what you may find, positive, or negative. There have been so many times I've met terrible and incoherent people. People that are disgraceful, repulsive, and hateful. It has come to the point where it makes me wonder deeply, why they are the way they are. Even I believe that people as a species were nothing and only were good at war and violence. That scared me because I did not want to think like that. I always wanted better for the world, being united could go such a long way. However, the great thing about being a social scientist is all the good you get from it. Relationships, hope, aspiration and much more. The feeling of connecting and creating is rejuvenating. The possibilities are endless when you learn and observe.

Sincerely, Cory