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Interviews Summary

After interviewing the three Eastern students on their cultural and religious backgrounds, I received a lot of valuable knowledge. I quickly learned that depending on town size and population, the racial and religious populations differ tremendously. For example, I lived in a smaller town that mostly white occupied. However, my roommate lived in a large town where the majority of the population is latino. Therefore, I learned that the racial differences between towns can vary tremendously. In addition, I realized that the majority of all of the interviewees and myself all had similar experiences educationally. Two of my peers and myself knew at a young age what we wanted to achieve in life which led us to our intended majors. I think that it is very important to know one’s educational goals and then to act on them. When I interviewed my friends, I was also able to learn many new things about them. I never knew that my friend was Puerto Rican or Jewish! I believe it is important in a friendship to learn and be interested in each other's cultures. I was able to learn a lot of new things that I never would have learned before about Judaism. We also discussed my religion and all of the holidays associated with it. Overall, the importance of maintaining a community made me realize that despite cultural, educational, and racial backgrounds, everyone should be able to get along. I loved learning about the different backgrounds and I look forward to learning more about other people’s religions and backstories.