Lisa Interview (transcript)

1. In social studies class, which type of structure do you prefer? (lecture, group work, working with a partner, independent work, class discussion, etc.). Why?

*I feel like its good when you talk to us and lecture us but I also like it when we interact with the stuff so that we can better understand it.*

Do you think interacting with the stuff in a group or as an individual is more helpful?

*Either way is good for me.*

1. In social studies class, which type of assessments do you prefer? (tests, group projects, partner projects, individual projects, presentations, paper, etc.). Why?

*I prefer projects. Tests make me nervous, I’m not a very good test taker. And um, I’m also not good with presentations because when I get up in front of people I can’t talk.*

So, with projects, do you like doing a project by yourself or with a group?

*I think it’s easier to organize and plan when you’re by yourself. But it’s also nice to have someone else to give you more time, so maybe partners.*

1. When studying any given civilization or society in social studies class, which are you most interested in learning about – government, economy, religion/culture, gender, children/education, or family life? Why?

*I think family life, and culture. I like to find out about how like, they lived their life and what they do and their lifestyle.*

1. Which unit or units in World History class this year did you find most interesting or engaging? (Mesopotamia/Early Humans, Egypt, India, China, Greece, Rome, Byzantine Empire, Major World Religions, Middle Ages, Africa, The Renaissance). Why?

*I find Egypt was pretty interesting.*

And why Egypt?

*I don’t know, it’s just really interesting. I liked watching the documentary.*

Alright, any other units?

*I like learning about China since it’s like my own culture, because it’s where my parents are from. And India was also interesting, about like the revolt against the British and stuff.*

1. What do you wish we learned about or spent more time learning about in World History class this year? Why?

*I feel like we didn’t spend a lot of time on China though, I was um, like looking forward to learning more about it, but then all we did was that one project.*

So more time on China – when you think about what you want to learn about China, is it China ancient time or China modern times too?

*Both. And I also have an interest in Korea and Japan and Taiwan.*

1. To you think learning social studies or history is valuable or relevant to your life? Why or why not?

*It’s interesting but I want to be a doctor so I don’t see how it’s going to relate to my profession*

1. Do you have any questions for me about this project or in general?

*I can’t really think of anything.*