American Cultural Values
Applying Individualism and Personal Control with your Sociological Imagination.

1. **Individually**, reflect on Tuesdays with Morrie. What are some examples within the movie of characters valuing freedom, independence, individualism and personal control (as opposed to being dependent)? Cite examples from the movie.

2. After you discussed number one above in your small group, do you understand how the American cultural values can shape individuals’ lives?
   - Yes
   - No

   If yes, what was one example from your group partners that was a good example?
   If no, why not? What questions do you have?

3. Wait for instructions from your teacher.

4. How might American values of freedom, independence, individualism and personal control make it difficult to admit that we are dependent on other people? Why might this unwillingness make it difficult to complete the exercise in #4 above?

5. What are some ways that you see the values of freedom, independence, individualism and personal control shaping your own life or the lives of your parents/siblings/friends?