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After watching “The Danger of a Single Story” TED Talk, please complete the following:

1. Write down **two quotes** that stand out to you (the full text transcript is available on the blog)
2. Respond to **ONE** of the following questions (250 words):

Option 1: Adichie talks about how reading British and American children’s books as a child influenced her ideas about what stories mattered and who those stories ought to be about. How have the books you've read for fun or for school impacted your perceptions of what should and should not be written about? What are the heroes like in the books you've read? Are they diverse? Do you feel like the books you've read have characters that represent you in some way or not? Why do you think that is? How do you believe people who are not commonly represented in literature feel?

Option 2: In the video, Adichie recounts some of the positive and negative experiences she had growing up and states, “all of these stories make up who I am.” Why is it important that stories include both the positive and the negative? What happens when only one dimension of a story gets told? Can you think of any examples of this happening to a culture or group of people in the mainstream media? Please find one current event / news story and describe how this event is being shown as a single story. OR, if you think it's showing both positive and negative, describe what those are.