“The Danger of a Single Story”

[Video Assignment]

1. **First Impressions:** Watch the first 22 seconds of the video, up to “…and I would like to tell you a few personal stories about what I like to call the danger of the single story.”

*a. Who do we think this woman is, based on what she has said, how she appears, etc.?*

*b. Being very specific, what do you think she will talk about?*

*c. What do you think drives these predictions and ideas you have about her identity? (Movies?*

*Social Media? Life Experiences, Etc.)*

2. **Video:** As you watch and listen to the speech, answer the following:

a. List 2 **assumptions** that Adichie makes about others.

b. List 2 **assumptions** that others make about her.

c. List 3 moments that **surprise** you or stand out to you in some way.

d. What is the main message that Adichie wants you to walk away with after viewing this?

**3. Discussion:**

*a. What one thing stood out or surprised you* ***the most****?*

*b. What assumptions and stereotypes did Adichie engage with? List at least 2.*

*c. How does the media influence the “stories” that we hear about others?*

*d. How could we overcome these barriers to get at the “balance of stories” that Adichie hopes*

*for?*