

Final Reflection  
Due Monday 5/3/10

We tend to think of ourselves as being “normal,” and believe that we are just like most other people in a fundamental way. Usually this assumption is true. I think about food, you think about food. I daydream when I should be listening, you daydream when you should be listening. Etc.

When we think about our sexuality, we also see ourselves as fundamentally like others. This could manifest itself in two ways. I see myself as having been born heterosexual; I didn't choose to be. Therefore I see you as being born heterosexual too. If you're not, then you've *chosen* to become gay because you were born straight. Alternatively, I might have a different perspective. I see myself as having been born heterosexual; I didn't choose to be. So you were born with your sexual orientation – you didn't choose yours either. It was forced upon you just as mine was forced upon me.

How can we choose which of these interpretations is correct? How could we reject one if it's false?