Reading Reflection 2

Educating students to be a global citizen can be rather a hard task as there are so many factors that go into being a global citizen. One of the articles discussed how a diverse group with their own ethic back grounds and native languages will try to blend into the majority.

This is something I see happen all too often. For example, while I was in Japan I know many of the foreigners living in Japan felt that they need to become more like a Japanese. For example, many people did not feel comfortable wearing what they typically would in their home countries, instead they would try to blend into the Japanese culture. However, Japan is a very homogenous country so the need to blend in is more a common and understandable response to the situation. Yet this also happens in a very diverse country like the United States.

Here in United States there is a semi condescending phrase that is used to describe when someone who is not white acts like a white: white washed. As long as people feel the need to blend into another race or ethnicity, it will bar us from becoming a truly global and diverse community.