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I Teach Research Process

What I learned living among the Palestinians

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Ask the broad questions:

Why study abroad? To see my own culture with new eyes
--In the Middle East? Arabic is a world language
--in the West Bank? Center of ongoing
Humanitarian Crisis for 50 years

My experience has taught me to:

Identify my cultural bias
Listen to individual stories
Gain a new perspective on history
Put a face on the problems in the news
Recognize that there are many ways to solve a problem
Ask instead: Which is most helpful under the circumstances?
Realize that the only failure is the failure to try

Other benefits:

Live alongside the world's second largest religion
Learn to listen and to look. Question an habitual response
Expand one's collegial and research collaboration circles

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**Everyone is entitled to his own opinion,
but not to his own facts.**

**--Daniel Patrick Moynihan
US Diplomat and Statesman 1927-2003**