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and analysis, projects, videos, guest speakers, readings, and student presentations provide rich classroom experiences. Numerical ratings and written evaluations of this course as well as personal reflections from journals show very favorable responses from students so far.

SUMMARY

Mathematics is an endeavor that has been undertaken by humankind across cultures and throughout history. By looking at the cultural context of many activities with mathematical basis, one can appreciate the importance of mathematics to that particular society. Different cultures express their mathematical ideas in a variety of ways. Looking at how humankind has expressed mathematical ideas gives us an understanding of what it means to be human. The course Multicultural Mathematical Ideas examines a

wide spectrum of human endeavors that are the mathematical expression of a culture and that help to create the tapestry of what we call mathematics.

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X-ette, you wonder: you've finally achieved
Your friendless paradise, populated only by
These Pythagorean sonances, those Platonic ideas and unnamed symbols,
And surrounded so widely, too, by the crazed transmogrifications,
Whose nebulous trivia you have so deleted of your deftness,
Where to be does not require to be perceived,
These complements of sense, most of whom live daftly amid zeros,
Whilst the dimensionality, itself, rests singly on your shoulders;

adamantine x-ette,
No Hypatia art thee.