The purpose of this exercise is to allow you the opportunity to apply class readings to your reading of *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*. For this exercise you will read chapter 17 “The Eight Questions” in *The Spirit Catches You...* (Fadiman 1997: 250-261) about anthropologist Arthur Kleinman’s patient’s explanatory model of illness. In addition to Fadiman’s imagined answers the Lees might have given to Kleinman’s eight questions (p. 260), you must identify four (4) other people in the book and imagine how those individuals would each answer Kleinman’s eight questions with respect to Lia’s condition(s). You should choose individuals from the book who hold different social positions (e.g., a doctor, a nurse, a social worker, a foster parent, a first or second generation Hmong immigrant, a home health care worker, etc.). You must identify each person by name, describe them sociologically (gender, age, race/ethnicity, nationality, occupation, social class, etc.), and write hypothetical answers for them (this constitutes your “data”). Then, analyze this material using ideas from the textbook (Weitz 2004) and at least two other assigned readings from this course listed below:

Mechanic Wilkinson & Marmot Zola
Koch Freidson Chambliss Melosh

In your essay you should explain what accounts for the individuals’ different perspectives on Lia’s condition(s). For example, if you choose both Neil Ernst and Peggy Philp as two of your individuals, you should explain how their medical training shapes their hypothetical answers to the questions *and* how their other sociological characteristics, *such as their gender*, explain differences in their hypothetical answers. Focus your essay on your analysis, *not on your description*; the attached “data” should include the nitty-gritty descriptions, not your essay.

The maximum page limit for this exercise is four (4) pages. You should expect that you will have to edit and reorganize your essay before submitting your completed exercise. Your paper should conform to the format described in the syllabus. Be sure to include in-text references, e.g., (Weitz, p. 340) and (Fadiman, p. 41), and “References Cited.” Remember to attach your “data” (identifying the individuals from Fadiman’s book, their sociological description, and their “answers”) to the back of your essay.

**Kleinman’s Eight Questions:**
1. What do you call the problem?
2. What do you think has caused the problem?
3. Why do you think it started when it did?
4. What do you think the sickness does? How does it work?
5. How severe is the sickness? Will it have a short or long course?
6. What kind of treatment do you think the patient should receive? What are the most important results you hope he/she receives from this treatment?
7. What are the chief problems the sickness has caused?
8. What do you fear most about the sickness?