

# Social Studies

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I thought that if I ate the food of the area I was visiting  
That I might assimilate the point of view of the people there  
As if the point of view was somehow in the food  
So, I would make no choices myself regarding what food I ate I would simply follow the examples of those  
around me  
I would study menus very carefully  
Making note of important differences and similarities  
When shopping at the supermarket I felt a great desire to walk off with someone else's groceries  
So, I could study them at length and study their effects on me  
As though if I ate their groceries  
I would become that person until I finished their groceries And we might find ourselves going to the same places  
Running into one another at the movies or in a shopping mall  
Reading the same books, watching the same TV programs  
Wearing the same clothes, traveling to the same places  
And taking the same pictures, getting sick at the same time And getting well again simultaneously  
Finding ourselves attracted to the same people  
Working at the same job and making the same amount of money  
Living identical lives as long as the groceries lasted

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