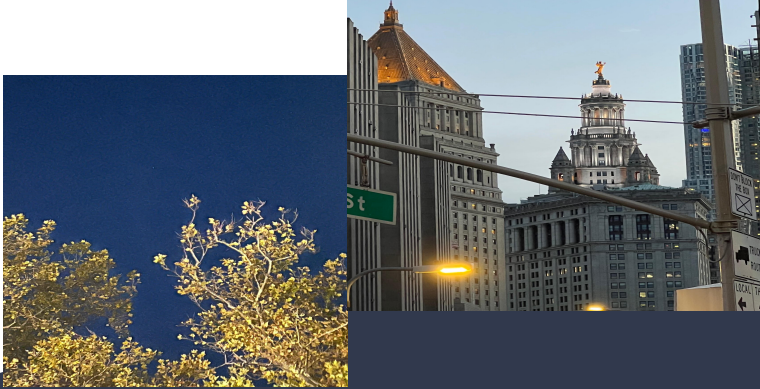
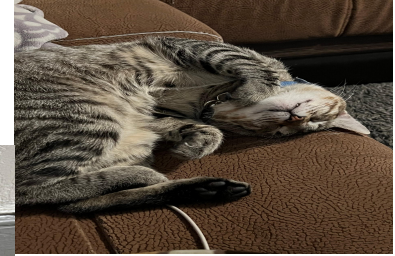


Yael Martinez



My name is Yael Martinez. I was born in Brooklyn, but have Mexican and Colombian Heritage. I love to cook, take photos whenever I have the chance, and I love to watch and play football and basketball in my free time. I have had many pet cats (the one I have currently being the cat on the right) and I have a huge love for hamsters.

Did I learn anything from this reading?



- “This is Water” has opened my eyes to many things, and it has taught me the value of two things that relate the most to the text: An open mind and context.
- Context is not only essential to everyday life, but it is the sole reason something can be given meaning. Without context, one can only assume the meaning of a situation, but can never get it spot on unless context is given. When a person steals food from a supermarket, you can take it at face value and call that person a petty thief, but without context you wouldn’t know that the same person is homeless and has been without food for a couple of days and is on the brink of starvation. Context matters more than people know.
- An open mind is just as important as context. A person that thinks they’re a know-it-all will never know a single thing. There will always be someone that knows more than you do, and will be open to learning even more than you will, and will learn to never judge based on a situation they don’t know of, and if you don’t have the ability to be open-minded, you’ll simply be left behind in terms of knowledge, and I definitely don’t wanna be that person.