

**Appendix 24.1.** Sample Critical Questions for “Around the World” Activity

- What microaggressions can you identify in *Openly Straight*?
- What examples of direct bullying can you identify in the novel?
- What examples of indirect bullying can you identify in the novel?
- In what ways did sports play a role in creating instances of bullying?
- In what ways did sports play a role in preventing bullying from occurring?
- Do you think that being a part of a sports culture made Rafe feel protected from or vulnerable to microaggressions? Explain your response.
- How did the characterization of Rafe as a gay, male athlete influence your perceptions of Rafe as a bully, victim, bystander, or hero?
- In what ways could microaggressions in the story have been prevented?
- As a bystander, how would you have reacted to witnessing such microaggressions?
- As a victim, how would you have reacted to experiencing such microaggressions?
- What can you do as students to create a culture of caring, respect, and acceptance so that all of your peers feel valued in your community?