



#### CAT Reading Response 5

The picture I took represented what coming to UCSD was like for me and Kong's argument has had no effect on the way I feel about UCSD. I came from the United Arab Emirates into not only a foreign city but a foreign country that I had only read about yet I still feel as welcome as I did at home. In addition, as an international, Muslim, and Indian student I was welcomed into a group, despite any stereotype surrounding Muslim Indians, with other Americans from different parts of the country. The picture I took represents how we may come from different places (different piles of sweet tarts) but I find at UCSD (the collection of sweet tarts in the middle), all of us have found an accepting home that looks at our individual personalities (each sweet tart represents a personality) and not what pre-existing stereotypes have to say about us.

I mostly disagree with Kong's fourth chapter, especially with her use of stereotypes to validate her argument. Kong discusses the lack of attention given to the stereotype that surrounds Asian American students and then compares the issues faced by the Asian American community

to that of the African American community (Kong 105). A stereotype that holds the Asian American community in such a high regard, calling them hard working and smart cannot be compared to for example, a stereotype that calls all Muslims terrorists or one that refers to all African Americans as gang members. Those are very different types of stereotypes where one set is demeaning and awful and the other is praising. It is true that stereotypes in general are wrong and should not exist, but stereotypes exist for every ethnicity and in the fourth chapter Kong merely stated the faults with stereotypes in general.