

Cultural Introductions:

Everyone Has a Culture—Everyone Is Different

Directions: Use the questions below as a guide as you introduce yourself culturally.

1. What languages do you speak?
uncles, and cousins)? What role do they play in your life?
2. What music do you listen to? What dances do you know?
3. What foods do you eat at home?
4. In your family, what is considered polite and what is considered rude? What manners have you been taught? (Think about such things as table manners, behavior toward guests in your home, what to say when answering the telephone, how to say thanks for a meal.)
5. What do you wear on special occasions?
6. How often do you see your extended family (for example, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins)? What role do they play in your life?
7. What holidays and ceremonies are important in your family?
8. Describe something very important to you. It could be a value, such as respect or honesty. It could be a person, such as a parent, brother, sister, or friend. It could be a goal, such as going to college or designing a website. It could be a hobby.
9. Based on what you've written, how would you describe the characteristics of the culture you're a part of?

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