

Exploring Cultures of the World

Due: Friday, November 14

You and a partner will prepare a 4-5 minute presentation on a culture other than your own. In the presentation, you will provide details about the 4 main components of all cultures: Values, Norms, Symbols, and Language.

You have some choice in the format of your project:

- PowerPoint
- Prezi
- Poster

Your presentation should be divided into 4 clearly defined parts: Values, Norms, Symbols and Language. I have no specific rules on what you must include under each part, but below are some suggestions to get you thinking:

Values

- What things do they value?
 - Family/Independence?
 - Punctuality/Flexibility?
 - Pride/Humility?
 - Freedom/Control?
 - Religion?
- Values might not be explicitly stated, but you can read between the lines when looking at norms, customs, holidays, etc to determine what the culture values.

Norms

- Folkways/Etiquette
- Mores
- Taboos
- Laws
- Use your notes to classify the norms and etiquette you read about into the categories above.

Symbols

- National Symbols- Flag, Animals, Anthem, etc
- Meanings of colours? Colours of weddings, funerals, festivals, etc
- Religious symbols?
- Gestures
- Status symbols?

Language

- What is the main language? Are there other languages that are common?
- Characteristics of the language (Ex: How many characters are in the written language? Is it derived from or closely related to any other languages? Any interesting grammar rules?)
- Sample of the written language
- Sample of the spoken language (maybe learn how to say something in that language, or teach the class how to say something)

Resources

A few websites to get you started:

<http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/country-profiles.html>

<http://www.culturecrossing.net/index.php>

http://www.ediplomat.com/np/cultural_etiquette/cultural_etiquette.htm

<http://www.roughguides.com/destinations/>

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