

## ***How do you define culture?***

### **Due**

This assignment is to interview one person about their culture. You can use the following questions as a guide but make sure to also ask them follow up questions about their opinion and insights about culture in world around us today.

The goal of these interviews is to gain a clearer idea about cultural backgrounds.

To demonstrate that these interviews occurred you will be asked to turn in either a copy of the notes taken during the interview or a short typed summary (100-150 words) about who was interviewed and what they had to say.

#### **When contacting a person to interview:**

- Introduce yourself
  - Explain that you are working on a class assignment about different cultures
  - Ask if they have 10-15 minutes to speak with you
- 
1. How would you define your culture?
  2. Are there certain foods, dishes, or meals that are unique to your culture?
  3. What types of dances or dancing styles are unique to your culture?
  4. Are there styles of clothing that are unique to your culture?
  5. Do you actively participate in an organized religion?
  6. How important is religion in your family? Why ?
  7. If religion is important in your family, do you plan to pass this on to your children? Why or why not?
  8. What is considered most disrespectful in your culture?
  9. What is considered most respectful in your culture?
  10. What would you say is, from your perspective, the most commonly held misconception about people of your culture?
  11. How do you define "family?"
  12. Who holds the most "status" in your family? Why?
  13. Are the roles of men and women specifically defined in your family? If so, what are they?
  14. Describe the most important (or most celebrated) holiday of your culture.
  15. If you are from a culture that speaks English as a second language, do you speak your native language? If not, why? If so, will you teach your native language to any children you have?
  16. Is there anything you would like others to know that we have not included here about you or your culture....

Thank you- is there anything else you would like to share?