

Create Your Own Culture

You have learned a little bit about culture and now you are going to create your own. You may locate this culture anywhere in the world. The end product of this assignment will be **a short typed paper** (long enough to make an A) which will guide myself and the class through the presentation that you make which will be on a **poster board** of some kind. Remember what I am looking for here: It must be **Creative (looks good)**, **Innovative (looks different)** and it must be **Organized (follow directions)**☺.

Your project will include information about the following cultural universals:

1. **People** – what kinds of classes (must be some classes) exist in the society; what is their basic nature? How do they answer life's basic questions?
 1. Where do we come from? Explain your answer.
 2. What is our purpose in life? Explain your answer.
 3. Why do bad things happen to people? Explain your answer.
2. **Family** – (1) What is the make-up of the average family? (2) Who is at the head of the household? (3) Who makes the money in the family? (4) How many kids does the family have? (5) Give reasons why you answer each question the way you do.
3. **Education** – (1) how will your young people learn the skills they need? Very specific details here and an explanation why your system is in place.
4. **Folkways** - **must** have at least three and an explanation for each.
5. **Mores** – must have at least three and an explanation for each.
6. **Laws** – what are the major laws (3)?
 - **What are the formal sanctions used to enforce the laws** (have to have 1 rewards and 1 punishments for **EACH** law which means you will have 6 total.)
7. **Religion(s) and holidays** – describe the religious structure (at least one, but you can have more) and the main holidays observed in your culture (At least 3).
8. **Political system** – what type of government has been established? Why? What will your flag look like?
9. **Economic system** – (1) does the culture barter, produce manufactured goods, provide services? (2) What will your currency be, (3) what does your currency look like?
10. **Language** – do all the people speak the same language? If not, which one is dominant? **Why?**
11. **Science and Technology** – how has your culture improved the quality of life of its citizens (at least 3)?
12. **Sports** – will you have formal or recreational sports (at least 3)? How important will they be to the culture?
13. **Art, literature, and music** – how do these reflect or express the culture? How will you entertain yourselves?

Include a drawing of a map showing where your culture is located. It can be a real place, or a new island or continent. Be sure, however, that your **cultural universals** are **consistent** with the physical location and climate. (You wouldn't want the chief staple of your tropical island nation to be ice cubes!)
 Include as many terms and concepts as possible in your paper from the chapter on culture in your textbook.

As with all things...your culture must be school appropriate, if you have a question of what that is just ask me, you know I would be more than happy to let you know what I think ☺.

Accountability: Who is in my group:

phone number and email/IM

The following grades will be taken:

1. **10.19.11:** S.M.A.R.T Goals done and Rough Draft of Project complete ATBOTP.
2. **10.20.11:** Questions 1-4 answered in writing and Poster Board in class ATBOTP.
3. **10.21.11:** Questions 5-9 answered in writing ATBOTP.
4. **10.24.11:** Questions 10-12 answered in writing ATBOTP and all supplies needed for project in class. If your group doesn't have all 12 questions completely answered and all your supplies in class today you will receive a zero on the project.
5. **10.25.11:** Completed project, with informational typed paper, due ATEOTP no exceptions.



This is a major grade and will be graded the following way:

5= Clearly Outstanding 2= Below Expectations
 4= Exceeds Expectations 1= Unsatisfactory
 3= Meets Expectations

1. Organization and Neatness	5	4	3	2	1
2. Relative Information	5	4	3	2	1
3. Creativity	5	4	3	2	1
4. Followed Directions	5	4	3	2	1
5. Clear and Understandable	5	4	3	2	1

****I will take the number from each category, add them all together and multiply it by four to come up with your major grade.****

