

Welcome



Namaste ! Swagtam

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First of all I congratulate you on your decision to accept the challenging and exciting task of learning about New Culture -Indian Culture.

1) Name:

2) What is your native language and the country of birth

3) You like to see Hindi Films?..... Listen Hindi Songs?.....

4) Ever visited India?..... Have family/ friends in India?.....

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5) What are your favorite hobbies?

6). Learning about New Culture consumes time and dedication. Please explain the reasons/motivations of. Learning Indian Culture.

7) What are your expectations from this course?

Thanks for the information! I really want to help you make this class a memorable and very positive learning experience. Let's have a wonderful beginning.

Sarita Mehta

Cultural Background Questionnaire:

SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT CULTURE In-Class Exercise #1

Have you ever thought to yourself, “**Why do I act the way that I do? What caused me to make that decision?**”

I strongly believe that my life choices and behaviors are directly impacted by my culture background. If people would take into account how a person is raised or the type of living conditions that one had to endure, our world would be a more peaceful place in which to live. To understand who I am, one would need to know my nationality, gender, physical abilities, religious background, social class, and educational history, the environment in which I was raised, and know the characteristics of the generation in which I was born.

I was raised to know the culture of my father and Mother in India: Life is different here than that in Indian Culture....

Let me know about your culture, I hope you will like to share with everyone, in case you don't like to answer any of the questions, please skip it.

Concrete Expressions

1. What are typical foods served in the culture?
2. Are there any typical styles of dress?
3. What do people do for recreation?
4. Do buildings have identifiable features?
5. How is public space used? For example, do people tend to “hang out” on?

The street, or are they in public because they are going from one place to the next?

Recognized Behaviors

1. How do people greet one another?
2. Describe how a holiday is celebrated.
3. How would a visitor be welcomed to someone's home?
4. What are the norms around weddings? Births? Deaths?

Explicit Beliefs

1. How important is hierarchy?
2. How are gender roles perceived?
3. How do people view obligations toward one another?

4. What personal activities are seen as public? What activities are seen as private?

5. What are the cultural attitudes toward aging and the elderly?