



CULTURAL SEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE

PURPOSE: To promote interaction, increase your awareness and to help you compare and contrast your home community to your host community. By completing this assignment you will obtain information on important aspects and activities of members of the host community.

DUE DATE: If you arrived in the USA in August/September, this assignment is due on **November 30th**. If you arrived in the USA in January, this assignment is due on **March 30th**.

DESCRIPTION: There are ten topics. Each topic has two questions, and you must answer each question for your home community and your host community. (Note: "Community" refers to the city/town where you live and/or the surrounding area/district.) Please **DO NOT** compare your country with the United States. You should use your host family, friends, newspapers, library books, the Internet, etc. as your resources. Below is a list of instructions that you should follow.

If you fail to follow these instructions, you will be asked to redo the entire assignment.

- Answers should **not** be written on the same paper as the questions.
- All answers should be written in **complete** sentences, and you should complete the answers in your own words. (Do not just "copy and paste" from the Internet.)
- Answer each question for your home community **and** your host community. (Example: I am from Seoul, Korea and I live with my host family in Phoenix, Arizona USA. I will answer Question #1 of Topic #1 for Seoul, Korea, then I will answer the **same** question for Phoenix, Arizona, USA.)
- You can do the project using word document, as a PowerPoint presentation or hand writing the information. Make sure to save copies of your completed project for your own files.
- A **bibliography** should be included at the end of the assignment stating what sources (books, magazines, people, websites, etc.) you used to research your answers.
- Make sure to do a good job! If the project does not meet the requirements, you will be required to re-do it!
- **Optional:** You may include pictures and postcards to enhance your answers.

PLEASE NOTE: You must send the completed questionnaire to our main office by the appropriate due date or you will be **returned** to your home country.

EXAMPLE: You may follow the format shown below:

Name: Home Community:	Date: Host Community:
TOPIC 1: POLITICAL STRUCTURE	
Home Community: 1) 2)	Host Community: 1) 2)

USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER WHEN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. DO NOT ANSWER ON THIS PAPER. YOU MUST ANSWER EACH QUESTION USING COMPLETE SENTENCES.

Topic 1: Political Structure

- 1) How are political leaders (i.e., mayors, governors, senators, presidents, etc.) chosen at both the local and national levels?
- 2) What opinion does the community have of both local and national leaders?

Topic 2: Economic Structure & Industry

- 1) What are some of the most important industries in the community?
- 2) Are the goods and/or services produced by these industries consumed locally or are they shipped somewhere else?

Topic 3: Geography & Land Use

- 1) Describe the area in which you live? Is it mountainous, desert, forested, etc.?
- 2) What is the primary use of local land? Is it used for farming, logging, ranching, etc.?

Topic 4: Folklore and History

- 1) What are some annual festivals and/or traditional events of importance in the community?
- 2) Name some famous historical figures that are well known in the community and/or describe some events of historical significance in the area.

Topic 5: Religion

- 1) What major religions are prominent in the community?
- 2) What influence does religion have on daily life in the community?

Topic 6: Social Relations

- 1) What influence does the immediate family have on marriage? Please describe courtship and marriage customs in the community.
- 2) What determines social status in the community? Is there a difference in attitude between those with low and high incomes?

Topic 7: Major Concerns

- 1) What national issues are of greatest concern to the community, and how do people feel about them?
- 2) Which global issues are of greatest concern to the local community?

Topic 8: Education

- 1) What is the educational system like in the community?
- 2) What sort of extracurricular activities are available at local schools?

Topic 9: Culture and Food

- 1) Are there famous artists, musicians, writers, actors, etc. at the local level? If so, who are they? Are they well known nationally?
- 2) What types of food and drink are popular in the community? Are there any regional specialties?

Topic 10: Recreation

- 1) What type of recreation is available for adults, adolescents, men and women?
- 2) Name some local sporting activities that are famous nationally and/or internationally?

You may send your completed project via regular mail, OR via Email.

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