

WHAT'S UP WITH CULTURE WORKSHEET

“What’s up with Culture” (<http://www2.pacific.edu/sis/culture/>), module 1.

Please provide answers from reading module 1 to the following questions in short, point-form.

1. What are some examples of culture that would be observable? What are some examples that are hidden and which may affect you in some way during your internship/exchange?
2. What is the link between behavior and values?
3. Do the In the Mind of the Beholder exercise (you don’t have to write down the answers, but look at both sections of it and read the Discussion. How might this help you?
4. Would Canadian culture be considered more Collectivist or Generalist? What about you personally? What is your host culture likely to be?
5. With relations to time, are you more Monochromatic or Polychromatic?
6. Would Canada be considered a High Context or Low Context culture? Your host country?
7. In the section Sources of US – American culture, they look at 4 defining features of people who came to the US and how that relates to traits in the culture (Canadian culture would be similar but not identical). What is one feature of your host culture that you feel would influence traits that you might observe?
8. The Body Speaks section talks about cultural differences with regards to touch, eye contact, gestures and timing. Based on where you are going, what are some things you will have to consider?
9. Communication styles talks about the way we talk, not the content. This is one of the most tricky aspects of culture one that may get you into “trouble”. What did you learn about your style and why is understanding style differences important?
10. There are 10 intensity factors. What is your Intensity Factor Index? What does this mean you can expect with regards to the adjustment process?

Name: _____

DEADLINE: Prior to departure