

Cultural Diversity Writing Requirements:**Faith Mahoney 423-388-9102**

There will be two papers due

1. **Feedback summary** (approximately 3 to 5 pages) I would like you to read a book **or** watch a movie regarding a culture or cultural norm **unlike your own** and write up what you may have learned or discovered. A format you may follow is... why you chose the movie or book (maybe share pre conceived notions regarding the culture) ... what information was provided regarding the culture or cultural norm... what you personally learned and how it has possibly changed your thoughts or beliefs. Due on Sept 26.

2. **Personal Topic Paper/ Research** (5 to 10 pages) Pick a topic related to cultural diversity that is of interest to you and write a research paper. A great challenge would be to research something that you have strong feelings against and dig into its origins and the cultural beliefs and mindsets that have created or keep it going. You may choose something you have strong feelings for and discover knowing more about the topic can help you to explain yourself with more confidence and clarity. Please pick something you do not consider yourself an expert in. Examples are far reaching... from female circumcision (or male) to Nascar racing to cock fighting to issues of race or religion or politics....etc....If you are in doubt about your topic please run it by me. Due on Oct 31.

3. A) **Engage** in a Cultural Experience **OR** B) Share who you are through **your** culture. If you choose A you will be expected to have a cultural experience unlike your own. This could be a culture or a cultural norm that you agree with or disagree with, as long as it is different. Your **presentation** will reflect pre conceived notions you may have had, the experience itself and then your personal reflection of the experience. This experience could be going somewhere, talking to somebody or engaging in an activity that you have not previously engaged in. This experience will be had **during this semester**. Feel free to speak with me regarding any ideas you may have. Please keep it safe and reasonably ethical, or at least ethical for you. If you choose B you will be expected to present on your own culture. Traditions, beliefs, practices and personal thoughts on why and how. We will start presentations as soon as anyone is ready. The sooner the better.

Attendance is important. After two absences you will lose half a letter grade. The class is mostly experiential.

You will be asked to present on your cultural experience. Relax, it is informal. Just share your experience.

Please pick a date for your presentation and get in on the schedule.
Presentations will begin as soon as possible.

You will be asked to look up **definitions of terms** and share in class. You will have 3 to 5 of these.

I look forward to learning and growing with you.

Class Fall Semester 2016 Monday at 4pm

