

To learn about another person's culture, you have to be aware of how that person behaves (what she or he does) and what that person believes.

All the people of the world have many things in common, including families, schools, governments, a form of religion, and celebration days. What makes up a person's culture is what that person does and what that person believes about his or her family, school, government, religion, and celebration days.

To create a Culture Kit, follow these steps.

- 1. Choose and read a nonfiction book about a family or person from a culture other than you own.
- 2. Choose six items to put into your Culture Kit box.
- 3. On a sheet of paper, list the item and explain why it is important in the culture you read about.
- 4. Be prepared to give a short speech/explanation to your family about the things in your Culture Kit. Practice picking each item out of the box and explaining its importance.
- 5. Decorate the Culture Kit box if you'd like. *TIP* You might consider decorating it like the country's flag.
- 6. For added details, you might include some facts about the country, such as the National song/anthem, animal, where the country is located/continent, etc.
 - a. For older kids, you could adapt this to be a more inclusive geography/economics/social civics lesson by having the student research statistics about the country such as population, income levels, birth/death rates, crime rates, etc.
 - b. For younger kids, you could adapt this to be a broad lesson covering different areas, such as the name of their money, the music from the country, famous artists, etc.