

Cultural Artifact

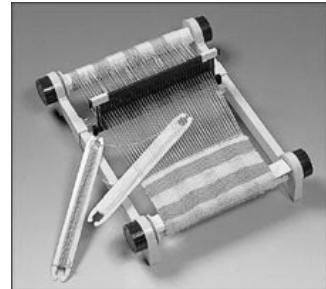
Cultural Artifact Presentation



You want to find an object that represents your culture. Reflect on what your culture is and what your culture is made up of. You may select any aspect of your culture just as long as it is representative of your culture. You may feel most comfortable selecting from a broad category such as holiday celebrations, naming practices, foodways, language practices, or rituals (weddings and funerals, christening, church services, rites of passage). How does your family do things? How are you like the other people you grew up and lived among? How are you different from other groups of people?

This activity is a great way for us to get to know each other as we work together on the concepts and ideas of the course.

Again, try to talk more about your culture than about you. You need to explain the artifact and its value to you, *how it reflects you in your culture*. So, choose an item that has some kind of cultural connection that you can explain. You will have five minutes. If you do not have the actual object bring in a picture of the object big enough for all of us to see.



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