

## Inquiry Question

*Have you ever wondered why cultures have very different ideas about similar things? Cultural relativism is the view that moral or ethical systems, that differ from one culture to the next are all equally valid.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## General Instructions

### Video Documentary exploring cultural relativism

First, explore the [indigenous people documentary photography](#) at the [Native Planet site](#).

Next, consider the following article:

#### ENCOUNTER WITH THE NACIREMA

The “Nacirema” study was written in 1956 when cultural sensibilities and attitudes were a little different from today. The original case study is still commonly used to introduce advanced college Cultural Anthropology courses. Keep an open mind. Some students may find the material shocking or offensive.

#### ["Miner-1956-BodyRitualAmongTheNacirema"](#)

Then extensively research your own cultural background and consider your families’ culture and practices.

Produce a video documentary based on your research in which you emulate the style/ satirical approach of Horace Miner. Consider the same examples Miner uses and choose some new ones. The idea here is to distort your own culture so that your own family would not recognize it. The idea is to have fun with this and realize how cultural relativism is the idea that a person's beliefs, values, and practices should be understood based on that person's own culture, rather than be judged against the criteria of another.

**The video should be 8-10 minutes long, there is a 15% margin of leeway on length.**

When you submit this assignment include the following items:

**Video:** You will need to upload to YouTube or Vimeo and submit the link on a Word document into Moodle. Credits must include all sources in APA format. (you can set the video to private or that it will require a password, ask me how if this is a concern to you or your parents)

**Documentation:** Upload your written script and a reference list for the video.

#### **Assessment criteria:**

All elements of the assignment are present:

- a) video of the prescribed length posted to YouTube (or Vimeo);
- b) link to the documentary provided
- c) reference list and script are submitted

Direct reference to outside sources should be made. Scriptwriting should be well-edited. Content must be accurate. Production choices support the delivery of content in a clear, engaging fashion.

References are expected to be in APA form and must be included in the video credits and with the script. Information and some online instruction guides can be found at:

<https://wcln.ca/mod/page/view.php?id=30739>

**Suggested tools:**

**Planner/ storyboards:** <https://files.nc.gov/ncdcr/documents/NHD/Documentary-Handout.pdf>  
<https://www.storyboardthat.com/>

**Video recording and editing:** Camtasia, Windows Media Player, iMovie, Blender, Lightworks, Shotcut, DaVinci, Openshot or other video recording software. Add either sound effects or music or both to augment your voice reading.

**Images:** Pixabay is a fantastic place to find images.

**Free sound effect and music sites:**

1. <https://www.pacdv.com/sounds/>
2. <https://freemusicarchive.org/>
3. <https://free-loops.com/>
4. <http://danosongs.com>
5. <https://incompetech.com>
6. <https://www.seabreezecomputers.com/tips/freemusic.htm#links>

Uploading your video to Youtube or Vimeo and providing the link is the easiest way to submit your video. Here is a link to a tutorial on how to do that:

<https://wcln.ca/mod/page/view.php?id=31420>

**Materials you'll need:**

- brain
- internet connection
- audio/video recording device
- video/audio editing software
- computer

**Project submission:**

You will need to upload to YouTube or Vimeo and submit the link on a word document into Moodle credits must include all sources in APA format. (you can set the video to private or that it will require a password, ask me how if this is a concern to you or your parents)

Include a brief written introduction to your video in which you speak to your production choices, style, challenges and successes.

upload to the Moodle hand in bin.

**Review**

Review the following videos from the unit:



**And the following article:**

["Relativism" Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#)

It is very important to use direct quotes from your sources of information and it is vital that you are following the APA guidelines for your in-text citations as well as your references list at the end of the essay. Review the following course page for details on this:

<https://wcln.ca/mod/page/view.php?id=30739>

Here is another great resource to review for APA formatting:

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/general\\_for\\_mat.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_for_mat.html)