

Culture is a complex concept central to understanding multicultural education (Campbell, p. 71). Cultures are often presented as fixed, static, and homogeneous. As we learned in class, all cultures are dynamic. Culture is a collage of factors that include learned behavior, attitudes, values, and so much more. Teachers need to understand that many factors affect students in different ways, and they must also be aware of these differences in order to ensure a safe, inclusive learning environment.

**Directions:** For further study of culture, select a classmate, friend, or acquaintance from a major cultural group distinctly different from your own. Be prepared to discuss your results with the class and how this knowledge can assist you in understanding and meeting the needs of your future students.

Influences of Family on Learning & Cultural Patterns	Name of Interviewee:	Name of Interviewer (YOUR NAME):
<b>Family Structure</b> (e.g., 3 children, single parent, grandparents, uncle in home)		
<b>Major family customs</b>		
<b>Languages spoken in home</b>		
<b>Celebrations</b>		
<b>Religious practices</b>		
<b>Cultural offenses</b>		
<b>Important values</b>		
<b>Memories of grandparents</b>		
<b>Other</b>		