



NACIREMA ACTIVITY

OBJECTIVES	Students will examine how one's own values, beliefs and previous experiences affect the way he/she interprets the world.
 PREPARATION	Handouts of the Nacirema article, a very popular introduction to the study of culture and stereotyping. (this can be obtained through searches for "Nacirema" on the WWW).
 ACTIVITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The students will each read the article on Nacirema.2. In small groups of 4-5 people, they will discuss each of the rituals described in the article and come up with a similar activity in their own culture.3. Class discussion as a large group on observing and interpreting the events and people around us.
GRADE LEVEL	Grades 4-8
 TIME FRAME	1 Hour
 RESOURCES	The following website contains great tips from experienced teachers on international collaboration: http://ed.gov/Technology/guide/international/tips.html
SIMILAR ACTIVITIES	Telecommunicating Monster Exchange