

Cultural Pursuit

Goal: To make students aware of the significance of other religions, cultures, and national histories and how they are relevant to current events.

Time: 15 min for activity, 10 min for discussion

Materials: Handout for students, answer sheet for instructors. NOTE: highlighted answers may change, so it will be necessary to research those answers so that they are up to date.

When: This activity works well early in the semester as a gentle icebreaker into diversity awareness.

Instructions: Pass out a copy of the questionnaire to every student. Instruct students to find people who know the answers to the questions. Students are NOT allowed to use their cell phones for this activity; instruct that they be put away or shut off. Each student should get the initials from the student who answers a question. Students are only allowed to answer one question on each other student's sheet and can answer only one question on their own sheet. Let this go on for fifteen minutes, then regroup the students for the discussion.

Follow Up Questions:

What did you learn or find most interesting from this activity?

How many of these questions could you answer?

Do you think it is important that we know the answers to these kinds of questions? Why?

Is it important to know more about the history of other religions and countries? Why?

Did you think some people might know the answers over others?

Were you ever surprised when someone you thought knew the answer, didn't?

Did you ever think you should know the answer to a question you didn't?

Were you ever asked specific questions multiple times?

Why do we think certain people will know the answer?

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| <p>1. Which population does the U.S. Census Bureau predict will become the U.S.'s largest minority group by the year 2050?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>2. Who is currently the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>3. How many individuals in total were killed during the Holocaust?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Million • 12 Million • 10 million <p>_____</p> | <p>4. Native American Heritage Month is celebrated in:</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>5. In what US Territory did Hurricane Maria cause 90 billion dollars' worth of damage in 2017?</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>6. What historical symbol continues to cause a great deal of controversy in South Carolina?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>7. Which famous female was an integral part of the Underground Railroad that helped hundreds of slaves escape to freedom during Civil War times:</p> <p>(A) Harriet Tubman</p> <p>(B) Mary McLeod Bethune</p> <p>(C) Amelia Earhart</p> <p>(D) Elizabeth Cady Stanton</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>8. In what decade did the American Psychiatric Association remove homosexuality from its list of mental disorders in the DSM-II Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>9. Who is the most targeted group for hate crimes, according to the FBI? What other groups are susceptible to hate crimes?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>10. Who was the first female head of government to be democratically elected in a Muslim country?</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>11. Name three historical figures who were biracial or multiracial:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> | <p>12. True or False: 2000 was the second time that the U.S. Census Bureau has allowed multiracial people to check as many boxes as apply, regarding race on their forms.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>13. Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated in:</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>14. What percent of UCCS graduates identify as a 1st generation /non-traditional student?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>15. The day that Mexicans and Mexican Americans celebrate the triumph of Mexican forces over the French in 1862 is:</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>16. Who was the founder of the People's Republic of China and a famous communist revolutionary in Chinese history?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>17. The pink triangle symbol associated with homosexuality originated in</p> <p>(A) Austria</p> <p>(B) San Francisco</p> <p>(C) Germany</p> <p>(D) Greenwich Village</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>18. Which religion is practiced throughout Central and Southeast Asia, China, Japan, Korea and some places in the West?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>19. According to the first US Census created in 1790, what options regarding ethnic identity were available?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>20. The head of the ACLU is:</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>21. This famous male African American poet helped develop jazz poetry in the Harlem Renaissance with works including the <i>Weary River</i></p> <p>_____</p> | <p>22. Which annual event features over 20 participatory events for children and adults with cognitive disabilities?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>23. This Shoshone woman served as Lewis and Clark's chief interpreter on their journey through the Louisiana Territory to the Pacific Coast.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>24. Who was the founder and first president of the Mormon Church?</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>25. How much money does a family of four have to earn to be considered "above the poverty line"?</p> <p>_____</p> |

Answers

- The Hispanic population, predicted to rise from 12% in 1999 to 24% in 2050.
- Cornell William Brooks became the 18th president in 2014.
- 12 million people were killed during the Holocaust.
- November.
- Puerto Rico.
- The confederate flag, specifically that it was being flown on top of the state capitol building. On July 1, 2000, it was moved from flying on top of the capitol building to a monument on the state capitol grounds.
- (A) Harriet Tubman (“Moses”) escaped slavery at the age of 25 and helped over 300 other slaves escape through the Underground Railroad.
- December 15, 1973 (the ’70s).
- According to statistics provided by the FBI (Hate Crimes Statistics Survey, 2016), Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry bias is #1 with 57.5%. Religion is #2 with 21%, Sexual Orientation is #3 with 17.7%, Gender Identity is #4 with 2%, and Disabilities are #5 with 1.2%.
- Benazir Bhutto was elected Prime Minister of Pakistan in 1988. She served as Prime Minister twice; once between 1988-1990 and again between 1993-1996.
- Frederick Douglas, Booker T. Washington, Rosa Parks were biracial/multiracial. Some other historical figures include French General Thomas-Alexandre Dumas, Alexandre Dumas (author of *The Count of Monte Cristo*), Queen Charlotte of England, and Alessandro de Medici.
- False. 2010 was the first year this reporting structure was used by the Census Bureau.
- May.
- *UCCS Fast Facts of 2017* reports that 30% of undergraduates enrolled are 1st generation/non-traditional students.

- Cinco de Mayo.
- Mao Zedong.
- (c) Germany. The pink triangle was used to identify homosexual people in concentration camps.
- Buddhism.
- Free white males 16 and up, free white males 16 and under, free white females, all other persons, slaves.
- Anthony D. Romero.
- Langston Hughes.
- The Special Olympics, first held in 1968.
- Sacajawea.
- Joseph Smith.
- \$30,750 is the amount that the US government uses (2017).

SOURCE:

University of Houston. N.D. *Diversity activities resources guide*. Retrieved from http://www.uh.edu/cdi/diversity_education/resources/activities/pdf/diversity%20activities-resource-guide.pdf.