Step 1 towards Cultural Literacy and Competency: Self-Assessment

*Your Name:*

The first step in becoming culturally competent and literate is to conduct a self-reflective analysis of your attitudes and beliefs about your own culture and that of your students.

Describe your own cultural background. What are your attitudes and beliefs about it?

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Describe your students’ cultural backgrounds. What are your attitudes and beliefs about them?

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How are your attitudes and beliefs about your own and students’ different cultures the same or different? Do you value them all equally?

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What are some assumptions you have about your students’ cultures that inform your beliefs?

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Are there aspects of your attitudes and beliefs you would like to reevaluate?

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What are the prevailing attitudes and beliefs about students’ cultures at your school? Do you think any of these need to be reevaluated? Please explain.

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