Step 2 towards Cultural Literacy and Competency: Inventory your Cultural Knowledge

*Your Name*:

The second step in becoming culturally competent and literate is to conduct an inventory of your cultural knowledge. Answering the questions below, is a first step on that journey.

After completing the handout, you may find there are areas of cultural knowledge you would like to learn more about. This will probably include doing further reading and speaking with individuals from the local, tribal community. You may also find, that as you engage in this inquiry, there are areas of cultural knowledge you had no idea about when you began. Luckily, this means you have embarked on a wonderful, ongoing journey of discovery.

**Currently, what and how much do you know about:**

Characteristics of local cultures and spiritual traditions?

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Current issues facing local tribal nations, e.g., language preservation and self-determination?

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Common manifestations of racism toward Indigenous peoples?

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Current legal/political status of Native peoples in the United States?

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The history of Indigenous education policies and practices?

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The history of local tribes?

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Based on your answers, what are some areas you would like to explore further?

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