Step 3 towards Cultural Literacy and Competency: Investigate Students’ Culture, Community, and Language

*Your Name*:

The third step in becoming culturally competent and literate continues the inquiry work you started in step two. This process involves gathering evidence of students’ cultural norms and values. Much of what you will be learning in this step isn’t available in books, but instead is learned through observation, listening, and interaction with students, colleagues, and other community members. Write out what you know now and then come back to this handout later to add to your growing body of knowledge as you proceed in this learning journey.

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

Ways of knowing?

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Ways of solving problems?

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Ways of communicating non-verbally?

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Ways of learning?

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Ways of dealing with conflict?

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Ways of using symbols?

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Based on your answers, what would you like to learn more about?

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