**Assignment:** Cultural Event Report

You will be asked to attend or volunteer, then reflect on your experience with a culture with which you are not a part and with which you are unfamiliar. The type is up to you.

Be respectful of differences. If you decide on a culture with which you have strong feelings of opposition, be responsible for your decision.

A list of ideas is provided, but you are not limited to the list given. This list was created from previous student experiences and is not exhaustive. If you are unsure if what you want to attend is acceptable, please email the instructor.

Do not use an event from the past.

To complete the assignment:

* Determine what you will attend/do;
* Make contact beforehand to ask questions you might need/want answered. For instance, if a Christian attends a mosque they might want to know if there is an ideal dress or any clothing prohibitive in order to respect the place of worship.
* Attend;
* Speak to and interact with people while at the event/place. Do not simply be a “Fly on the wall”. The idea is to experience something from another culture;
* Reflect on the questions posed;
* Complete the Culture Report;
* Turn in.

The report questions will include:

* Name, Location, Date, Time of event;
* Type of cultural experience you chose;
* The culture associated with your experience;
* The reason for this choice;
* How you found the event/place/etc.;
* Thoughts, beliefs, ideas, you held of this culture prior; and
* Where your prior thoughts, beliefs, ideas were created;
* Your interactions and experiences during attendance;
* How your thoughts, beliefs, ideas were impacted through the experience;
* How this experience better shaped your understanding of this culture; and
* Summary of your understanding of the importance of being open to other cultures is necessary in the helping profession.

This paper is to be:

* On a Word Document;
* Minimum of 3-pages;
* Maximum of 5 pages;
* 12-point Times New Roman font;
* Double-spaced;
* Contain name on top right-hand corner of each page;
* No cover page necessary;
* Contain page numbers;
* Contain references, if used. ﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿﻿

**Cultural Event Ideas**

You are not limited to this list. This list was created from previous student experiences and ideas from other professionals. The list is not exhaustive. If you are unsure if what you want to attend is acceptable, please email the instructor.

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| Museum of a particular culture | Christian church service | Buddhist yoga |
| Music festival | NAMI event | Burlesque show |
| Krishna Temple |  Wiccan festival or gathering  | Peaceful Opposing political rally |
| Open 12-step meeting | Polynesian festival | Native American Pow Wow |
| Jubilee of cultures | Synagogue | Jewish Temple |
| Cathedral of Hope (LGBT church) | Trans-visible event | \*Food kitchen or coffee shop serving homeless |
| African Festival or gathering | International festival | Collegiate Recovery Program |
| Family reunion with a friend from a culture with a great deal of diversity from your own | Mosque | Recovery month event |
| African American Museum | South Dallas Cultural Center | Eat at an eatery of a culture you know nothing about |
| Latino Cultural Center | South Dallas Cultural Center | PRIDE Alliance |
| Refugee Center | Cooking class for a culture with which you are unfamiliar  | An Indian Bazaar |
| Pan African Bookstore | Pan African Cultural Center | Drag Show |
| Wiccan blessing | Deaf Culture event | Gay club |
| Special Needs support group | Day Habilitation Program | Agnostic Group or event |
| Hindu Temple | Diwali Mela Celebration | Humanist Group or event |
| Holi Celebration  | Atheist Group or event | Head Start program |
| Songkran (water) festival | Thai Temple  | Street Ministry |
| Event or Center for people with autism and/or brain injury | Visit a memory or Alzheimer’s unit/center | Sweat Lodge |
| Jain Yoga | Visit someone in prison | Mormon Church |
| Meditative group | Visit a county jail (for a tour) | Visit a nursing home |
| Volunteer | Language Immersion taught by a person native to the culture  | Visit, interact, and make purchases at a food market of another culture |
| Spend a day using public transportation | A weekend on a working farm | Religious Student Organization events  |

Please consider adding to this list by emailing your instructor your ideas.

\*If you are not a person eligible for services and elect to participate in an event that does not charge for their services, for example, a soup kitchen or homeless coffee, consider giving – in person while there or through the mail, anonymously or otherwise, a donation for the goods you were served that would have otherwise gone to a person in need.