





A CULTURAL COMPARISON ACTIVITY

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Which similarities and differences did you learn/observe between your culture and the target culture in respect to a given topic?

Look at the indicated topic in the chart on the right, and indicate a few difference that you studied between the two cultural realities.

You may get help from the teacher, you may research for some information or data or simply list some of the elements that you learned in class.

The only two things you need to keep in mind as you work are:

- generalizations are ok ("most people/generally, etc.), but possibly make it a <u>guarded generalization</u> (provide some data or report your experience): this will help avoid stereotypes.
- 2. do not be judgemental! we do not want to value one or more aspects of a culture as better or worse than the other. We just want to investigate and present different cultural perpectives in order to enrich our knowledge of both cultures.

When you are finished with the activity, you will present it to the class and/or make a video on Flipgrid.









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Suggestions to the teacher:

- students may work individually, in pairs or in groups;
- the number of differences and the level of difficulty of the language vary according to the students' competence;
- some general expressions may help students (see below);
- if this activity takes place at the end of the teaching unit, students will have more information to use;
- once completed, the activity might be presented to the class or (video)recorded as a voice memo or on Flipgrid



- · anche in America...
- la situazione è simile...
- è quasi uguale...
- non c'è molta differenza:
- si può osservare qualcosa di simile: ...



- · in America invece....
- in America, la situazione è diversa:
- · al contrario, in America
- in America non è così:

Example: "La famiglia, struttura e abitudini." (livello Intermediate-	Examp	ole: "La	famiglia,	struttura e	abitudini."	(livello In	termedic	ate-II
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Italia	U.S.A.
I membri della famiglia vivono quasi sempre molto vicino.	
Il pranzo della domenica in famiglia è un'abitudine consolidata.	
I figli vivono con i genitori anche da grandi.	
I nonni aiutano i figli anche economicamente.	
Le coppie hanno in genere 1 o 2 figli.	
E' normale passare quasitutte le feste in famiglia.	
Gli italiani si sposano abbastanzatardi, verso i 33 anni.	
I figli maschi non fanno molti lavori domestici.	
(scrivi tu una differenza)	