

UNIT 4: CULTURAL-SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE

TIME FRAME: (15-20 MINUTES PER FACT SHEET)

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO KNOW?

It is important for individuals to understand the essence of different cultures so that we can begin the process of dispelling preconceived notions and stereotypes. This process will enable a greater awareness and willingness to work together to build bridges across cultures.

OBJECTIVES/PURPOSES:

1. Individuals will be able to read and understand cultural and historical information related to various ethnic groups.
2. Individuals will recognize that behaviors are culturally determined and that understanding the essence of different cultures is important.

HOW TO USE THIS INFORMATION:

A series of fact sheets will be used in this unit to acquaint individual participants with specific cultural information related to the five major ethnic groups (European-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic/Latino-Americans, Native-Americans, and Asian-Americans plus Middle Easterners). The fact sheets will provide a glance at the essence of culture for each of the above stated groups.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

Information on the following two groups is attached. This is an evolving series where additional information on major ethnic groups will be added as completed.

Fact Sheets on:

- Hispanic/Latino Americans
- Native Americans

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, if applicable:

Note: A bibliography of additional resources has been added at the end of each individual fact sheet.

Information Sheet – Ways to Learn About Other Cultures

Hispanic Publishing Group

Web: <http://www.hisp.com/hismag.html>

Winds of Change

Winds of Change is the only American Indian-published and nationally distributed full-color magazine with focus on career and educational advancement for Native people.

Web: <http://www.aises.org>

Native Web Home Page (resource center with many related links, message boards, job listings devoted to native, aboriginal, and indigenous peoples' issues).

Web: <http://www.nativeweb.org/>

African Americans in the Sciences (Profiles African American men and women who have contributed to the advancement of science and engineering).

Web: <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/lib/chem/display/faces.html>