Cultural Relevance Rubric

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Characters	The character(s) in the text are very much like me and my family. The character(s) would fit in well.	The character(s) in the text have some similarities to me and my family; but there are also many differences.	The character(s) in the text are not at all like me and my family. The character(s) would not fit in well at all.
Experiences	I have had experiences exactly like the one(s) described in this story. The events matched my experiences well.	I have had some experiences like the one(s) described in this story; but I have had different experiences as well.	I have not had experiences like the one(s) described in this story. The events are unlike my own experiences.
Place (Setting)	I have lived in or visited places just like those in the story. The setting was familiar to me.	I have lived in or visited places that were similar in some ways to those in the stories; but there were definitely differences.	I have never lived in or visited places just like those in the story. The events took place in a location that was not familiar to me.
Time (Setting)	The events in the text could take place this year. They happen in the present.	Some of the events in the text could take place this year, but others either took past in the past or future.	The events in the text could not take place this year. They either take place at some point in the past or the future.
Main Character's Age	The main character(s) in the text are very close to me in age.	Some of the main characters in the text are very close to me in age while others are not.	The main character(s) in the text are not very close in age to me.
Main Character's Gender	The main characters in the text are the same gender as I am.	Some of the main characters in the text are the same gender as I am.	The main characters in the text are not the same gender as I am.
Languages	The characters in the text communicate like me and my family. They talk, read, and write like us.	Some of the characters in the text communicate like me and my family. Others do not talk, read, and write like us.	The characters in the text do not communicate like me and my family. They do not talk, read, or write like us.
Frequency	I read, view, or listen to texts just like this one very often.	I sometimes read, view, or listen to texts just like this one.	I never read, view, or listen to texts just like this one.