

Family Cultural Interview Questions...

1. How do you define “family?” Who lives in your home with you?
2. Who holds the most “status” in your family? Why?
3. How does your family define success?
4. What are some of the values that your family believes are the most important?
Ex. Good attitude, education, loyalty...
5. Does your family have a strong ethnic background? Ex. Irish, or German, Asian?
6. Do you eat foods that are specific to your ethnicity? Why or why not? If you answered yes, name some of the foods that you eat. If you answered no, what types of foods do you eat?
7. Do you actively participate in an organized religion? If so, what is it?
8. How important is religion to your family? Why?
9. Do you plan to “pass” down this religion to your children?
10. What is the most celebrated holiday in your family?
11. What are the minor holidays that you celebrate with your family?

12. How important is food and eating to your family at celebrations? What do you specifically eat at these celebrations?

13. If you are from a culture that speaks English as a second language, do you speak your native language? If not, why? If so, will you teach your native language to any children you have?

14. What types of clothing does your family typically wear? Why?

15. What does your family spend most of its time doing together?

16. What does a typical weekend look like for your family?

17. What types of vacations do your family typically take? Why?

18. What is something that you know for sure you will do with your future family that your family does right now? Ex. You always have game night on Sunday nights? Or Everyone in the family gets to pick out a meal each week?

19. If you were hosting an exchange student from another country, what would you be most excited to show/teach the exchange student about your family?

20. How do you think the exchange student would describe your family after living with you for 6 months?

