



# My Cultural Identity



**Task:** To create and present a poster for display in the classroom on your personal culture

**Time:** You will have 2 hours of class time and homework time  
Due:

- Rules:**
- ⊙ Your poster must be A3 or A4 size
  - ⊙ It can be in words, pictures or both
  - ⊙ The information can be typed if you wish
  - ⊙ Pictures can be cut out of magazines
  - ⊙ While you can help each other, this is an **individual activity**

## What must be covered?

- ⊙ You must have your **full name, date and place of birth**
- ⊙ You must have a **photo** (recent, school, a baby photo, or other but it cannot be offensive; the teacher can print or photocopy this for you)
- ⊙ You must have your **ethnic group(s) and/or nationality**
- ⊙ You must have information on your **whakapapa/family history/ancestors** and where they came from
- ⊙ You must have information of **at least FOUR** of the following identifying features of your culture:
 

1. food	5. clothing
2. religion	6. sports
3. music	7. celebrations
4. language	8. dance

## Marking:

Towards the standard	At the standard	Above the standard
The poster <b>includes</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• name</li> <li>• date and place of birth</li> <li>• ethnic group(s) and/or nationality</li> <li>• whakapapa/family history/ancestry</li> <li>• information on <b>FOUR</b> features of culture</li> </ul>	The poster <b>includes some detail</b> on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• name</li> <li>• date and place of birth</li> <li>• ethnic group(s) and/or nationality</li> <li>• whakapapa/family history/ancestry</li> <li>• <b>FOUR</b> features of culture</li> </ul>	The poster <b>includes detailed information</b> on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• name</li> <li>• date and place of birth</li> <li>• ethnic group(s) and/or nationality</li> <li>• whakapapa/family history/ancestry</li> <li>• <b>FOUR</b> features of culture</li> </ul>
<b>An attempt</b> has been made to <b>present the information clearly and tidily</b>	The information is <b>presented tidily and attractively</b>	The poster has <b>outstanding presentation</b> and the information is <b>easy to read</b>

# Definitions and features of culture

**Culture** the customs, institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people or group.

**Culture (capital 'C')** talking about Culture in general

**culture (little 'c')** talking about a specific culture eg. Maori culture

**Culture is...** ☉ learnt from birth

☉ shared by people

☉ dynamic\*- it changes over time and adapts to new challenges (such as being moved from land or meeting other cultures)

\*dynamic means "always changing"

**Culture is different to race and ethnicity**, but often people who share an ethnicity also share culture and race. Ethnicity tends to be specific to place, whereas culture is not.

**Race** is determined by physical features such as skin colour and shape of nose or brow

**Ethnicity** is determined by a person's sense of belonging to an ethnic group (group of people sharing the same race, homeland, language, heritage, historical and religious background)

## Some features of Culture include:

family relationships, rules, language, cooking/food, art, education, myths, religion, clothing/dress, music and symbols