Cultural Analysis Worksheet

Assignment, Due Midnight March 29th: Use the following outline to interview an international student to learn as much about their culture as possible. The interview should last about 30 minutes. Continuing to use this same outline, write a one-page (single spaced) summary highlighting the most interesting aspects of your findings. This assignment should be submitted through Turnitin.com.

Brief History
  1. Origins of the cultural group, migration?
  2. Location

Value Orientations
  1. World View
  2. Code of Ethics
  3. Norms and standards of behavior (authority, responsibility, dependability, competition, etc)
  4. Attitudes toward:
     - Time
     - Work vs. Play/Leisure
     - Money
     - Education
     - Physical standards of beauty, strength
     - Change

Interpersonal Relationships
  1. Family
     - Courtship and marriage patterns
     - Kindship patterns
     - Child-rearing patterns
     - Family function
       a. Organization
       b. Role and activities (gender roles, division of labor)
       c. Special traditions, customs, ceremonies
Authority and decision making

- Relationship to community

Demeanor

- Respect and courtesy
- Politeness, kindness
- Caring
- Assertiveness vs. submissiveness
- Independence vs. dependence

Roles and relationships

- Number and types
- Functions

Communication

1. Language patterns
   - Verbal
   - Non-verbal
   - Use of time
   - Use of space
   - Special usage: titles and epithets, forms of courtesy in speech, formality of greetings, degree of volubility vs. reticence, proper subjects of conversation, impolite speech

2. Arts and music

3. Literature

Religion and Magic

1. Type (modern vs. traditional)
2. Tenets and practices
3. Rituals and taboos (e.g., fertility, birth, death)

Social Systems

1. Economics
   - Occupational status and esteem
   - Measures of success
   - Value and use of material goods

2. Politics
- Type of system
- Degree of influence in daily lives of populace
- Level of individual/group participation

**Diet and Food Habits**

1. Values (symbolism) and beliefs about food
2. Rituals and practices

**Health and Illness Belief Systems**

1. Values, attitudes and beliefs
2. Use of health facilities (popular vs. folk vs. professional sectors)
3. Effects of illness on the family
4. Health/illness behaviors and decision making
5. Relationships with health practitioners
6. Biological variations.