

## Intercultural Journal

Students must have TWO entries from the choices listed below:

1. Select a foreign film to watch. (NOTE: all films MUST be approved by the instructor in advance) Preferably the film will have subtitles. Watch the film then write a two page paper telling what movie you watched, what culture was highlighted and some of the verbal and nonverbal issues you found in the film. Only one film allowed unless you do the CineCulture listed below. Also students cannot use the movies shown in class.
2. Go to CineCulture at Fresno State to watch a foreign film. The movies on Fresno State campus are free and parking is relaxed on Friday afternoon/evenings.  
For more information: CineCulture Club: <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu/>  
MCJ Department: <http://mcj.csufresno.edu/news-events/cineculture/>  
Watch the film, listen to the moderator and then write a two page paper telling what movie you watched, what culture was highlighted and some of the verbal and nonverbal issues you found in the film.
3. Attend a cultural event of your choice. (Possible festivals may include: Greek Festival, Portuguese Celebration, Hmong New Year, Scottish Games) – look in your local paper or online to see what might be happening so that you can attend. Write a two page paper telling what festival you attended and where, what did you learn? Make sure to ask people attending what things mean and why they do what they do. Think of clothing, music, food and any ritual you see.
4. Attend a restaurant that features food from another country. Try some different food and ask the people who work there questions about the cuisine. Tell them you are doing a paper for an intercultural class. Generally people are willing to help you and are proud of their culture. Write a two page paper detailing where you went, what food you tried, and what you may have learned about that culture. No Chinese food, Italian or Mexican food – really stretch and make sure the food is authentic.
5. Attend a religious ceremony in a faith other than your own. Make sure to call in advance so that you can ask what to wear and if you are allowed to enter. Let them know you are in an intercultural communication class and would like more information on their faith. Write a two page paper telling where you went and what you learned.
6. If there is another idea you have to contact the instructor for permission in advance.

Remember you must submit two entries and they should each be two pages in length. Do not play with the margins. Any acceptable 12 pt. font, double spaced will work. Do not ask for permission one to two nights before the assignment is due – the instructor will NOT be searching to see if your restaurant or movie is acceptable on such late notice.