

Cultural Communication Differences Assignment

In your group choose a *specific* culture you are interested in (not a member of). Answer these 3 questions about the culture in a paper (You only need one paper for the whole group). Come to class prepared to discuss your chosen culture with the rest of the class and to answer any questions that may come your way.

Here are the questions with some *brief* illustrations (you will want to provide more information) of British culture to help you along....

1. Briefly describe the culture: the way people think/the philosophy.
E.g. stoicism is the key word here: its important to 'keep a stiff upper lip,' not be overly affected by things that happen and not let your emotions show. Its more important to be quietly confident and show a measure of reserve than to be boastful or openly arrogant.....
2. Talk about some communication differences between what you are used to and this culture, which are likely due to the factors talked about in question 1 above.
E.g. generally speaking, Brits are typically more reserved and less outspoken than Americans and don't like to talk about their achievements, display emotions openly and 'blow their own trumpet'. Brits are likely to be less demonstrative in communication encounters, disclosing less information about themselves and likely displaying less variation in facial expressions.....
3. How might the above differences affect a personal relationship?
E.g. a Brit being interviewed by an American for a job may appear to lack confidence and assertiveness. It may be hard for the interviewer to get the interviewee to talk about their skills and achievements. The interviewee may appear to lack animation and may be perceived to lack enthusiasm about the job.....

Grading

This assignment is worth a possible total of 20 points. To gain full points, you must submit a complete, typed, single-spaced (Times New Roman, 12 pt) list of responses and address the assignment *at a college-level* (i.e. sources listed, thoughts coherent and intelligent, etc.). Take as much space as you need to fully and completely answer all the questions. Fluff is not appreciated!



Due Date: