2.3 (2K3C): Awareness of characteristics and effects of the cultural, linguistic, and environmental background of the child and family.

**Cultural Influences**

Name: _______________________        Date: ____________

List the ways that you impact the classroom environment, students, the teacher with whom you work, and your educational team.

The following activity is designed to assist you in understanding how culture has influenced your own values, beliefs, and behaviors. Take a few moments to answer the following questions about your beliefs and influences. This is designed to provide you with information that will assist you in understanding your self. Share only the information you feel comfortable with sharing.

1. Under what socioeconomic level were you raised and how does this influence your life today?

2. How closely do you identify with your culture and ethnicity and how does this influence your life today?

3. What type of education was emphasized when you were growing up and how has this influenced your decisions and beliefs about education?

4. What are your physical abilities and how have they influenced the choices and decisions you have made in your life?
5. What occupations were held in high regard within your family and how have these influenced your occupational choices?

6. How have your responsibilities, choices, opportunities changed at different ages throughout your life? Are there certain ages that stand out as major rite of passage for you?

7. What do you consider the characteristics of your personality? What personality characteristics do you desire in others?

8. What significant life events have greatly influenced your life choices and decisions? Other important influences?