Explore Your Own Cultural Background

Name: _____________________ Date: __________

After you have reflected on the questions, talk with the teacher or special educator about the cultural background of the students with whom you work. Ask them if there is anything particular that you need to know about the cultural background of the students with whom you work, and how these differences may affect their learning experience.

1. What is your cultural heritage?
2. Do you identify with that culture?
3. What are some family traditions or practices related to it?
   a. Food?
   b. Music?
   c. Holidays?
4. What, if anything, did your cultural background say to you about schooling, teachers, authority, etc.?
5. What do you know about the cultural traditions of your co-workers and students?
6. What would you like to know?
7. In what ways did your culture affect your (or your family's) participation in school?
8. Was there ever a time when the school or services provider acted in a way that was insensitive to your culture?