

Family Global Ties

One of the elements of culture that families most identify with is their ethnic background. Some families have held onto traditions and other cultural elements to keep a connection to their heritage or ethnic background.

There is a difference between nationality and ethnic background. A person's **nationality** is generally defined as the country of citizenship. **Ethnic background** deals with the country of origin or original culture of their ancestors.

- Directions:
1. This assignment requires that you **talk** with your relatives (parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents...) about your family's heritage or ethnic background. The most learning happens when you sit down and listen to what members of your family remember about your personal history.
 2. This assignment is not meant to be intrusive into families, but rather to help make you aware of your own culture and the traditions of your family; past and present. Sharing of information in class is strictly voluntary, but completing the assignment is required. Mr. Wallace will not be collecting or even reading for detail any of the information on this page.
 3. Do your best to talk to as many relatives as possible to give you a complete picture. Don't just rely on what you know. If you can't complete any part of the assignment, don't worry, just do your best.

What are the ethnic backgrounds that make up your family?

Mother's Side – Maternal	Father's Side – Paternal

What elements of culture does your family continue to practice because of your ethnic background or countries of origin?

Examples: My family always eats corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day because we are Irish.
My family speaks Korean at home because my maternal grandmother came from Korea.

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What are some of the traditions your family continues to hold that are not directly related to your ethnic background or country of origin – they are a part of your American culture?

Try to find out who the first members of your family were that came to the United States.

Name	Country of Origin	Year Arrived In U.S.	Relationship to Me