

# AWARENESS

## SECTION III ASSESSMENT

### **Major Assessment 3: An Authentic Awareness of Other Cultures**

International travel has the benefit of allowing one to immerse oneself in another culture. Yet this immersion experience can be done right here at home. Your assignment is to experience another culture in a meaningful way.

You will choose a cultural group (race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, etc.) to explore. Choose a group that is as significantly different from your culture as possible. Plan to spend an extended period of time in that culture, perhaps over several hours over several days or weeks. Do *not* write about an experience you had prior to taking this course.

You will conduct research about this group using primary sources, such as written works about the history of this group written by members of this group. Films, poetry, music, art, and other expressions of culture are all appropriate to utilize in your study. In addition, speak to and interview people from this group, including students, parents, and particularly leaders in the community. Invest an extended period of time in attending religious services, festivals, club meetings, and other rich places of cultural immersion.

From this experience, you will develop a PowerPoint presentation and lecture for the class to last about 30 minutes, not including a question-and-answer period. You will provide a six- to eight-page handout about your cultural exploration and what you learned. Include a list of hard-copy and Internet resources.