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LANGUAGE AND CULTURE QUESTIONNAIRE

Directions: Thoroughly and honestly answer the following questions to build your language portfolio. Use a different color or un-bold your answer to make your answer stand out. When you are finished please delete these directions and save your document as a PDF. You will be required to upload and label this document on your WIX portfolio.

Background:

1. What language(s) do you currently use?

I use the English language.

2. What languages have you studied and to what extent can you communicate in those forms?

I have studied English, Spanish, and Japanese. I am fluent in English and Spanish, and I have an adequate understanding of the Japanese language although I cannot communicate effectively in it yet.

3. What do you struggle most with when learning a language, even your native language?

When learning a language, I usually struggle the most with pronunciation and conjugation.

4. What is your cultural background?

My mother and I both grew up in America and English was our native language. My dad is from El Salvador, but he spoke both English and Spanish, so I only picked up a small amount of Spanish terms.

5. How have you learned about your culture? How do you continue to learn?

I have learned about the background and common mannerisms of my culture through studying the Spanish language. I continue to learn about it by researching about it and interacting with my family who always teaches me more.

6. Who is your biggest cultural influence? Explain.

My biggest cultural influence is my family who has Hispanic heritage and always teach me about their customs and traditions.

7. Has your history with your language and/or your culture, influenced your career path in any way?

Yes, since I am familiar with the Spanish language, I was able to work at McDonald's as my first part time job.

Language:

8. What language have you studied for IBCP Language Development and why?

I studied Spanish because I wanted to be able to communicate with my father and family on a deeper level.

9. How is this selection relevant to your career path and the future of your projected industry?

In the stem career path, it's very helpful to be able to translate new ideas effectively.

10. What challenges do you feel you may encounter in your language studies? How will you meet those challenges?

I'm afraid that I might forget certain phrases in the moment when I should use them, so I will try to constantly brush up on learning and reviewing the Spanish language.

11. Why is language study important?

It's important to study language so that all cultures can connect effectively with each other and are able to reach an understanding.

Culture:

12. Do you belong in more than one culture? Explain what languages are spoken in your culture(s)?

Yes, Spanish and English are spoken all across the world in countries such as England, India, Spain, and Peru. Therefore, I can visit countries with different cultures and not only understand but appreciate them.

13. What do you believe is the relationship between language and culture?

The relationship between language and culture is that language is a key to truly connecting with and understanding a culture.

14. How have diverse cultural experiences affected you as a person? Be specific.

I once saw a young girl who was crying in a store, and when I asked her what was wrong, she told me in Spanish that she was searching for her mom. This allowed me to

help her find her mom and feel a sense of accomplishment since I was able to help out someone in my community by knowing Spanish.

15. How can an industry be changed by entering a new emerging country and new culture?

People might have trouble connecting, understanding, or negotiating with people in the new emerging culture. Although, if they know Spanish it would be a lot easier for the company to adapt.