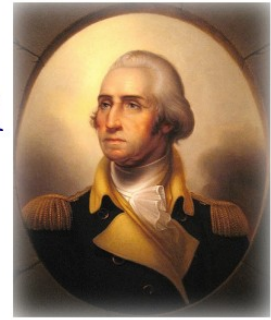




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## Amity Series



### Sample Discussion Questions

**Topic: Culture**

Answer these questions with your birth culture in mind.

1. What are some things your culture values?  
(i.e. an American cultural value is being on time.)
2. Cultures can be classified as:
  - a. Past-Oriented  
Highly values traditions. Resists attempts to change them.  
Prefers old habits to new: esteems old age above youth.
  - b. Present-Oriented  
Only the here and now is certain.  
Looks for short term benefits & immediate results.
  - c. Future-Oriented  
Optimism about the future. Believes they are capable of changing it.  
Prefers the new to the old. Youth are esteemed.Which one best describes your culture?
3. Time orientation varies from culture to culture. A person with a present orientation would stay with a person until their business is done, even if another person was waiting. A person with a future orientation would end an appointment, even if they were not finished, to start a future event.
  - a. Which one best describes you? Your culture?
  - b. Have you observed differences in this area in other cultures?
4. What are the major holidays you celebrate in your culture?  
Civil/political? Religious?
5. In your culture, is achieved status (i.e. what degree you earn) more important or ascribed status (i.e. what family you're born into)?
6. In your culture, do people value themselves more as individuals or as part of a group (family, society, religion)?
  - a. Are the needs/rights of the individual placed above the needs/rights of society or vice versa?